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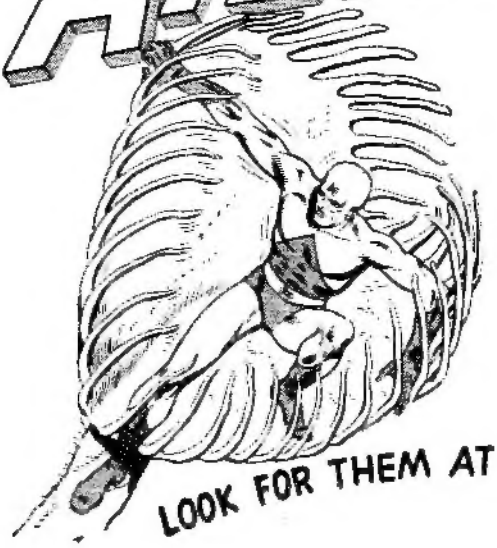

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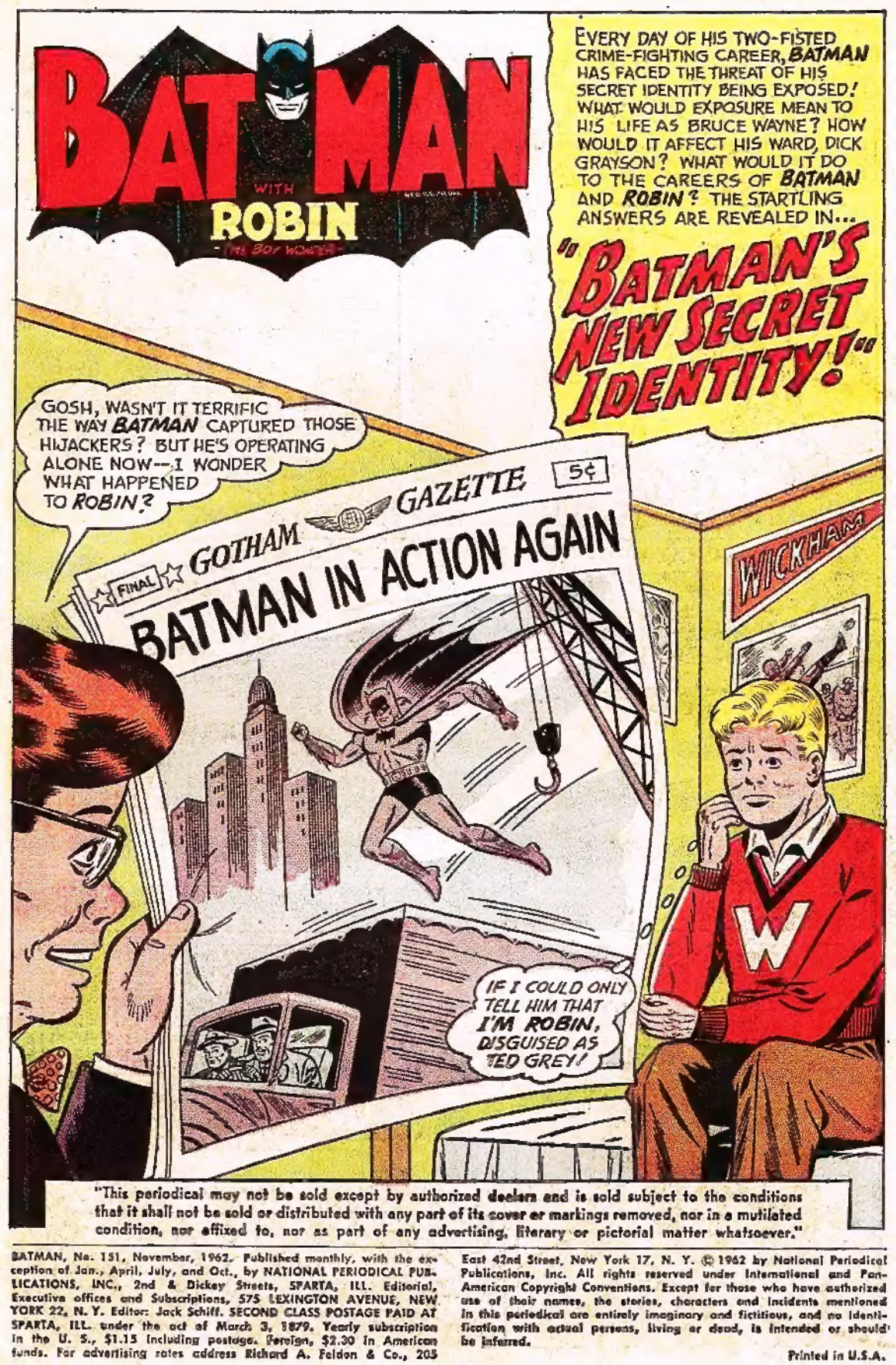
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THE BOY WONDER
EVERY DAY OF HIS TWO-FISTED CRIME-FIGHTING CAREER, BATMAN HAS FACED THE THREAT OF HIS SECRET IDENTITY BEING EXPOSED! WHAT WOULD EXPOSURE MEAN TO HIS LIFE AS BRUCE WAYNE? HOW WOULD IT AFFECT HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON? WHAT WOULD IT DO TO THE CAREERS OF BATMAN AND ROBIN? THE STARTLING ANSWERS ARE REVEALED IN...
"BATMAN'S NEW SECRET IDENTITY!"
GOSH, WASN'T IT TERRIFIC THE WAY BATMAN CAPTURED THOSE HIJACKERS? BUT HE'S OPERATING ALONE NOW--I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO ROBIN?
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BATMAN IN ACTION AGAIN
WICKHAM
IF I COULD ONLY TELL HIM THAT I'M ROBIN, DISGUISED AS TED GREY!

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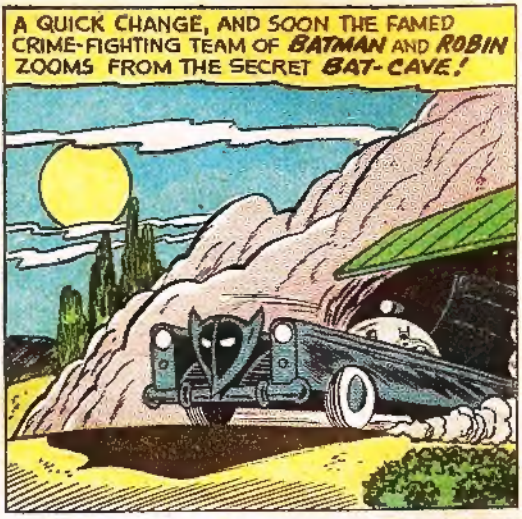
THIS ADVENTURE BEGINS, LIKE MANY OTHERS, AT THE HOME OF WEALTHY PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...
THE BAT-SIGNAL, SIR! YOU'RE WANTED AT HEADQUARTERS!
COME ON, DICK! LET'S GET GOING!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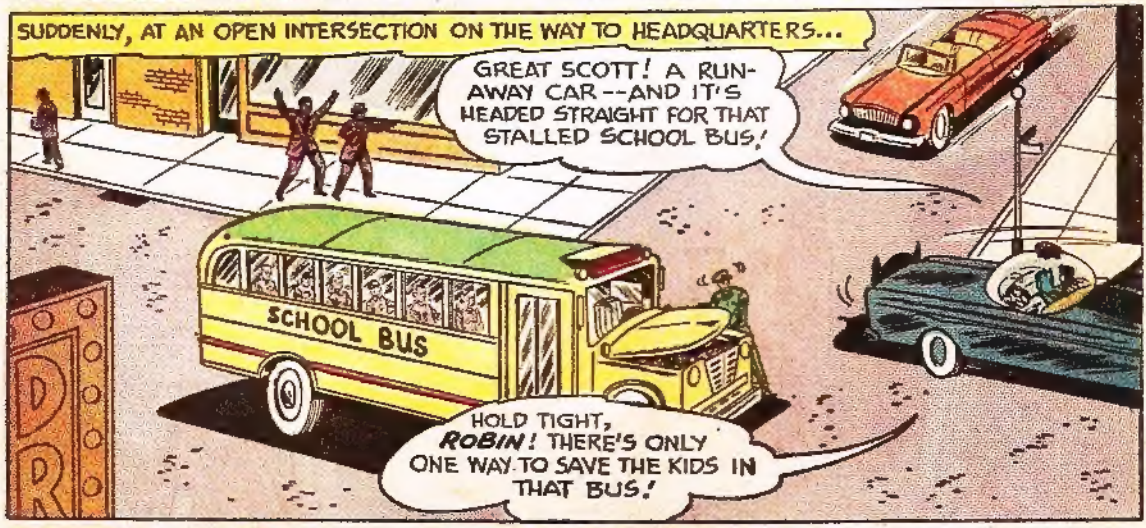
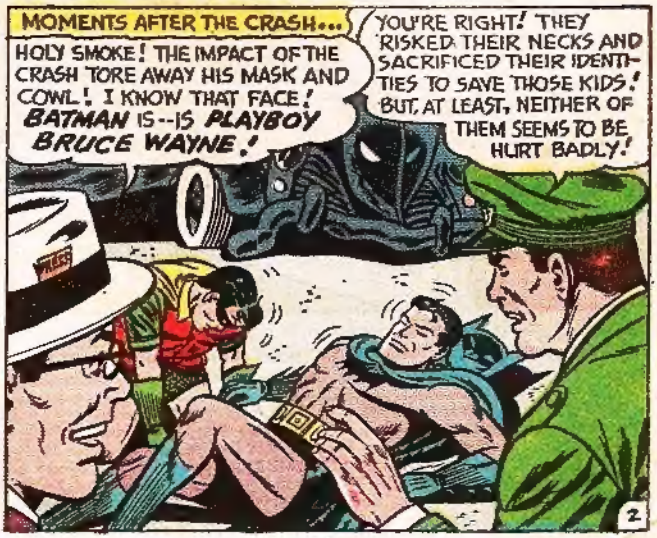
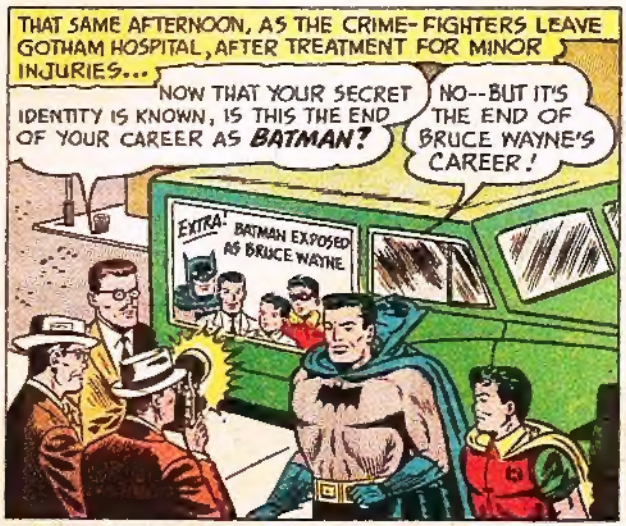

SUDDENLY, AT AN OPEN INTERSECTION ON THE WAY TO HEADQUARTERS...
GREAT SCOTT! A RUNAWAY CAR--AND IT'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THAT STALLED SCHOOL BUS!
SCHOOL BUS
HOLD TIGHT, ROBIN! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE THE KIDS IN THAT BUS!

CRASH!!


MOMENTS AFTER THE CRASH...
HOLY SMOKE! THE IMPACT OF THE CRASH TORE AWAY HIS MASK AND COWL! I KNOW THAT FACE! BATMAN IS--IS PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE!
YOU'RE RIGHT! THEY RISKED THEIR NECKS AND SACRIFICED THEIR IDENTITIES TO SAVE THOSE KIDS! BUT, AT LEAST, NEITHER OF THEM SEEMS TO BE HURT BADLY!


THAT SAME AFTERNOON, AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS LEAVE GOTHAM HOSPITAL, AFTER TREATMENT FOR MINOR INJURIES...
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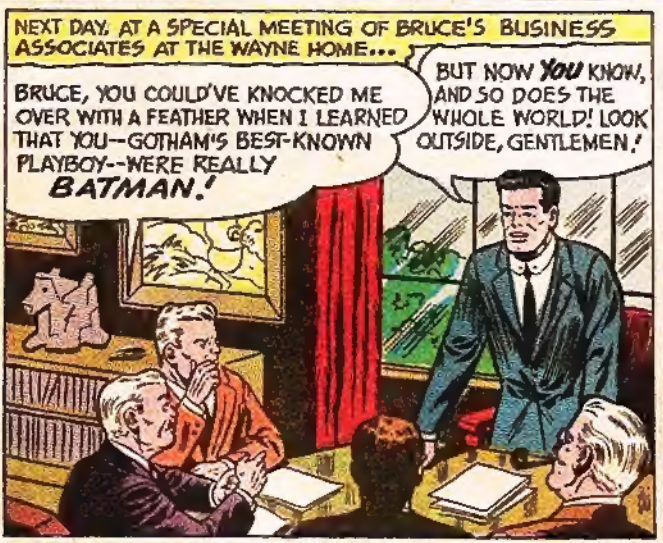
NO--BUT IT'S THE END OF BRUCE WAYNE'S CAREER!
EXTRA! BATMAN EXPOSED AS BRUCE WAYNE

RETURNING TO THE BAT-CAVE BENEATH THE WAYNE HOME...
GOSH, BATMAN--ONE THING IS CLEAR! WE'LL CERTAINLY HAVE TO CLOSE UP SHOP AT THIS LOCATION! BUT WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
I'M NOT SURE YET, BUT FIRST, I'LL HAVE TO WIND UP THE AFFAIRS OF BRUCE WAYNE!


NEXT DAY, AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF BRUCE'S BUSINESS ASSOCIATES AT THE WAYNE HOME...
BRUCE, YOU COULD'VE KNOCKED ME OVER WITH A FEATHER WHEN I LEARNED THAT YOU--GOTHAM'S BEST-KNOWN PLAYBOY--WERE REALLY BATMAN!
BUT NOW YOU KNOW, AND SO DOES THE WHOLE WORLD! LOOK OUTSIDE, GENTLEMEN!

A CONSTANT POLICE GUARD HAS TO PROTECT ME AND ANYBODY ASSOCIATED WITH ME, FROM GANGLAND REPRISALS! SO--FOR EVERYONE'S SAKE--I'VE DECIDED TO SELL OUT ALL MY HOLDINGS AND CLEAR OUT!

THAT EVENING, AT THE HOME OF KATHY KANE, ALIAS BATWOMAN...
OH, BRUCE--NOW THAT I FIND YOU AREN'T JUST A PLAYBOY, YOU TELL ME YOU'RE GOING AWAY!
IT HAS TO BE THAT WAY, KATHY! ;SIGH; I'LL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN AS BRUCE WAYNE!

NOW BEGINS THE REAL PROBLEM OF ESTABLISHING A NEW PRIVATE IDENTITY IN ORDER TO OPERATE AS BATMAN AGAIN! AND SINCE EVERYBODY WILL BE ON THE ALERT FOR A MAN AND A BOY TOGETHER, ROBIN AND I WILL HAVE TO SPLIT UP FOR A WHILE!

AFTER SEVERAL DAYS...

GOTHAM GAZETTE

BRUCE WAYNE DISAPPEARS!

"HAS BATMAN DISAPPEARED AS WELL?" GOTHAM WONDERS.

ONE WEEK LATER, AS A TAXICAB STOPS BEFORE THE ENTRANCE TO WICKHAM HALL, A FAMOUS SCHOOL FOR BOYS...

WHILE I ESTABLISH MY NEW IDENTITY AS BRET WILSON, CAB DRIVER, YOU'RE TO REMAIN HERE AT SCHOOL UNDER THE NAME OF TED GREY. IN TIME, MAYBE IT CAN BE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** AGAIN.!

I UNDERSTAND, BRUCE--ER--I MEAN, BRET...CHOKE! SO LONG..

TAXI

WICKHAM HALL

LATER, AS THE CAB HEADS NORTH TOWARD THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM...

THIS CAB-DRIVING SET-UP GIVES ME FREEDOM TO MOVE AROUND AND FUNCTION AS **BATMAN!** AND WITH NOBODY IN THE CAB, I CAN TUNE IN ON POLICE SHORT-WAVE!

SUDDENLY, CROSSING THROUGH THE GOTHAM FREIGHT TERMINAL...

OH-OH--LOOK LIKE A HIJACKING OVER AT THAT FREIGHT CAR!

SWERVING THE CAB INTO CONCEALMENT BETWEEN TWO BOXCARS, HE PULLS A LEVER BEHIND THE DASHBOARD AND...

IT TOOK A LOT OF INGENUITY TO WORK OUT THIS NEW SET-UP. THIS'LL BE THE FIRST TIME IT GOES INTO USE! NOW FOR A QUICK CHANGE FROM CABBY BRET WILSON TO-- **BATMAN!**

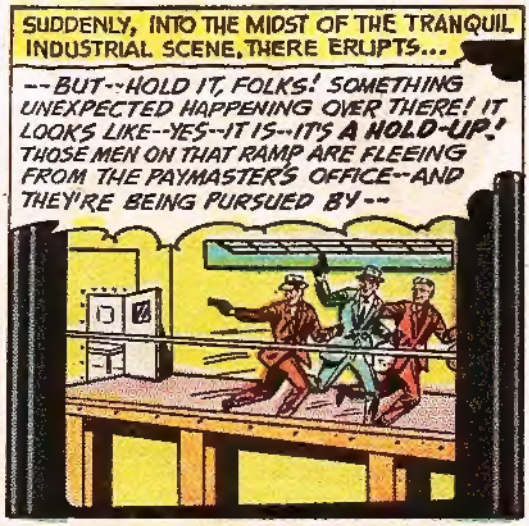
SECONDS LATER, THE NEW **BATMOBILE** ZOOMS TOWARD THE HIJACKERS JUST MAKING THEIR ESCAPE...

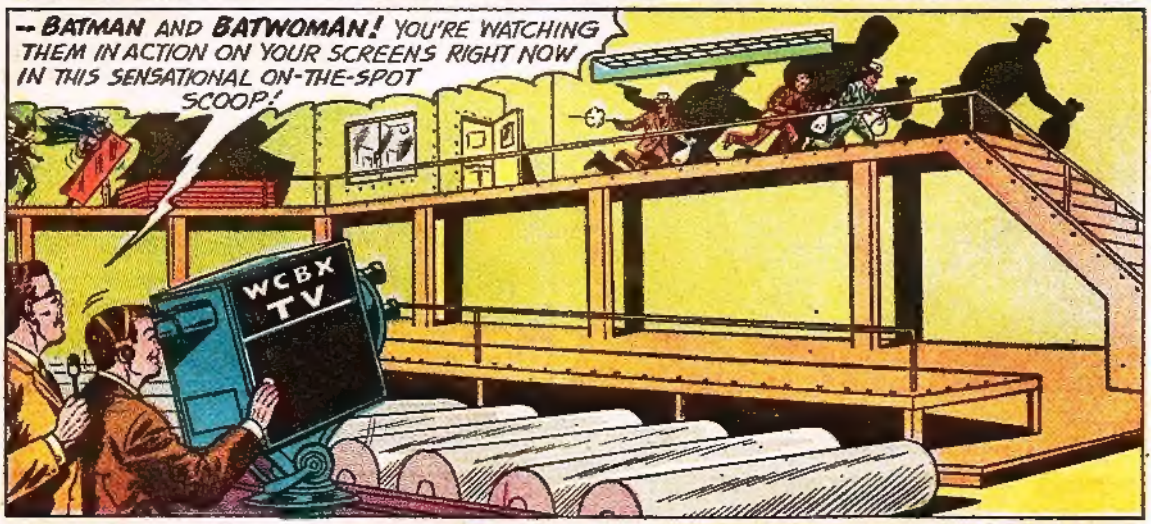
HOLY SMOKE! STEP ON IT! IT'S **BATMAN!** AND I THOUGHT HE'D GONE OUT OF BUSINESS AFTER HIS IDENTITY WAS EXPOSED!

THE BATMOBILE GAINS STEADILY ON THE FLEEING TRUCK, UNTIL...
CUT OFF AT THE LAST MOMENT! BUT THEIR CAR STALLED ON THE OTHER SIDE! I'VE STILL GOT A CHANCE--WITH THAT CRANE ON THE FLAT CAR!
SECONDS LATER, AT THE CRANE CONTROL-BOX...
THERE--THAT SHOULD BE JUST ABOUT RIGHT! BUT I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST--THEY'VE GOT THEIR CAR STARTED AGAIN!
THEN, AS TRAINED MUSCLES PROPEL BATMAN AGILELY ACROSS A PRECARIOUS STEEL BRIDGE...
WHEW! LUCKY FOR US BATMAN WAS CUT OFF BY THAT LONG FREIGHT TRAIN!
WOW! IT'S BATMAN IN ACTION AGAIN! WHAT A SCOOP FOR ME!
PRESS
CLICK!
HEY--WHAT--??
THIS IS AN EMERGENCY--SO YOU WON'T MIND IF I USE YOUR EMERGENCY BRAKE!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF--
OOF!
AFTER TURNING THE HIJACKERS OVER TO THE POLICE, BATMAN RESUMES HIS NEW SECRET IDENTITY, AND SOON AFTER...
HM--ALFRED SHOULD BE OUT HERE ATTENDING TO CUSTOMERS SO PEOPLE WON'T SUSPECT THIS PLACE IS ONLY A BLIND TO COVER BATMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY! I'LL HAVE TO SPEAK TO HIM ABOUT IT.
GOTHAM HILLS
GARAGE
TAXI
DESCENDING THE STEPS INTO THE AUTO GREASE-PIT, BRET PRESSES A CONCEALED BUTTON AT THE FAR END AND...
ALFRED--ER--I MEAN--EDWARD--WHERE ARE YOU? WHY AREN'T YOU OUT FRONT?
WHY--BRUCE--ER--I MEAN--BRET--THERE WAS SO MUCH TO DO UNPACKING AND STRAIGHTENING UP THE BAT-CAVE. BUT IT'S BEGINNING TO SHAPE UP. WON'T YOUNG MASTER DICK--ER--TED--BE SURPRISED WHEN HE COMES TO VISIT!
AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN HIS ROOM AT THE WICKHAM BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BOYS...
GOSH--I'M GLAD BATMAN'S BACK! BUT I WONDER WHY ROBIN ISN'T WITH HIM? SAY--WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING SO GLUM ABOUT, TED?
GOTHAM GAZETTE
BATMAN IN ACTION AGAIN
GUESS I'M NOT HIDING MY FEELINGS VERY WELL...STILL--I CAN'T HELP WONDERING WHEN I'LL BE ABLE TO WORK WITH BATMAN AGAIN...

NEXT DAY, DURING A TELEVISED SOCIAL STUDIES LESSON IN THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM...
WE ARE TAKING YOU ON A TRIP THROUGH THE HUGE GOTHAM FOUNDRY PLANT WHERE YOU CAN SEE THE PROCESS OF IRON AND STEEL MAKING AT FIRST HAND...
--THE MOLTEN STEEL YOU SEE IS BEING POURED INTO OPEN PITS WHERE --


SUDDENLY, INTO THE MIDST OF THE TRANQUIL INDUSTRIAL SCENE, THERE ERUPTS...
--BUT--HOLD IT, FOLKS! SOMETHING UNEXPECTED HAPPENING OVER THERE! IT LOOKS LIKE--YES--IT IS--IT'S A HOLD-UP! THOSE MEN ON THAT RAMP ARE FLEEING FROM THE PAYMASTER'S OFFICE--AND THEY'RE BEING PURSUED BY --


--BATMAN AND BATWOMAN! YOU'RE WATCHING THEM IN ACTION ON YOUR SCREENS RIGHT NOW IN THIS SENSATIONAL ON-THE-SPOT SCOOP!
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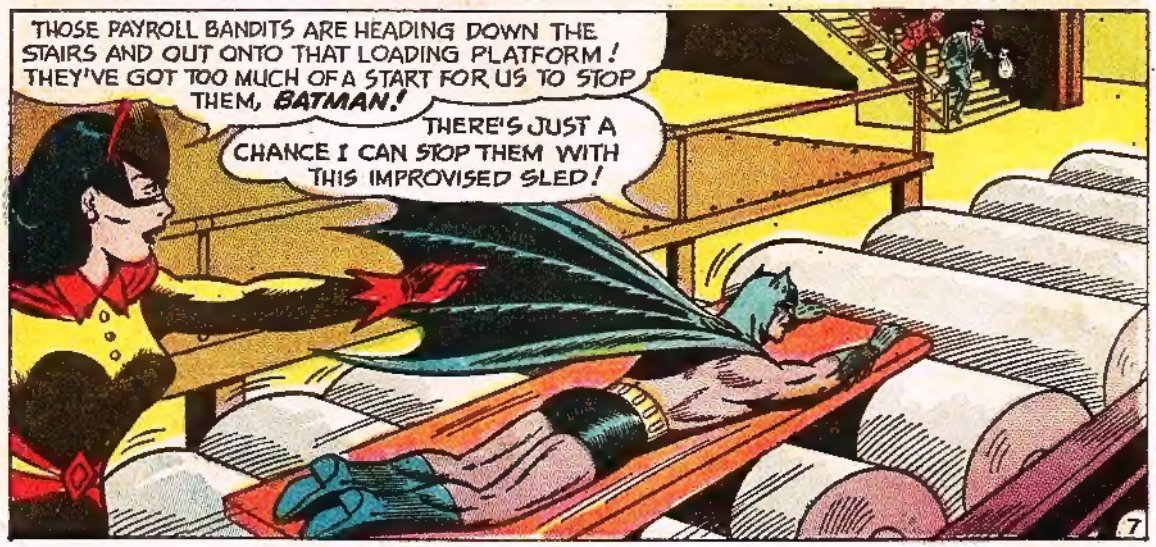
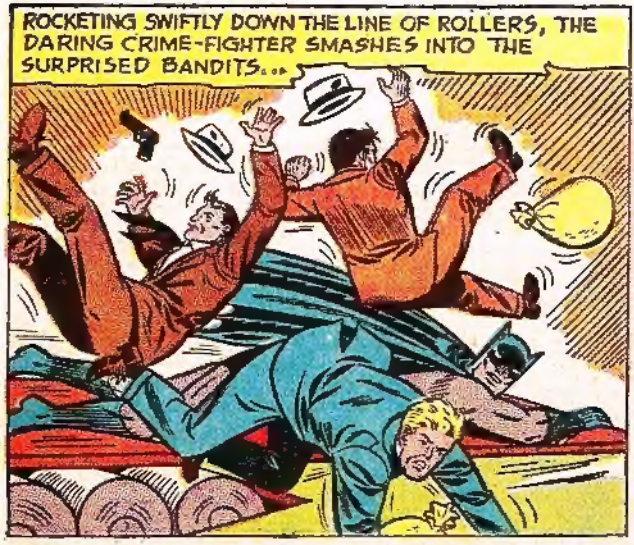
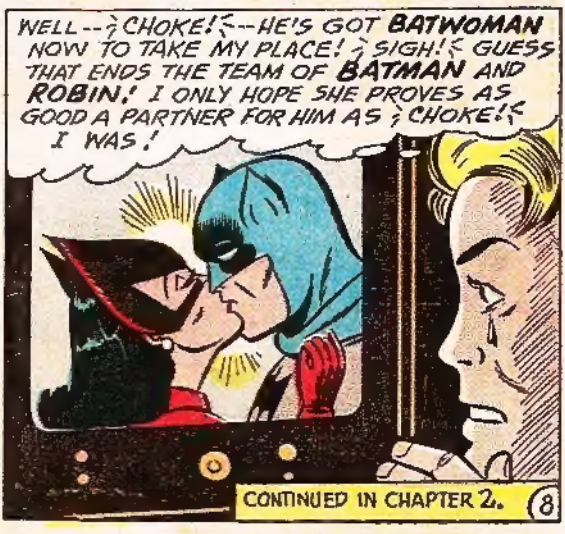

THOSE PAYROLL BANDITS ARE HEADING DOWN THE STAIRS AND OUT ONTO THAT LOADING PLATFORM! THEY'VE GOT TOO MUCH OF A START FOR US TO STOP THEM, BATMAN!
THERE'S JUST A CHANCE I CAN STOP THEM WITH THIS IMPROVISED SLED!



THE STUNNED BANDITS ARE QUICKLY SUBDUED BY ARRIVING POLICE, AND THEN...
--AND IT'S ALL OVER, FOLKS! BUT WE'RE BRINGING BATMAN AND BATWOMAN OVER TO THE MIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS. HERE THEY ARE...
IF I HADN'T SPOTTED BATWOMAN ON HER MOTORCYCLE ON THE WAY HERE AND FOLLOWED HER, I'D NEVER HAVE BEEN IN ON THE FINISH!

I'D JUST GOTTEN A TIP ABOUT THE HOLD-UP, BUT BELIEVE ME, I'M GLAD YOU FOLLOWED ME! IN FACT, I THINK WE MAKE AN IDEAL TEAM, DON'T YOU, BATMAN?


WELL--CHOKE!--HE'S GOT BATWOMAN NOW TO TAKE MY PLACE! SIGH! GUESS THAT ENDS THE TEAM OF BATMAN AND ROBIN! I ONLY HOPE SHE PROVES AS GOOD A PARTNER FOR HIM AS CHOKE! I WAS!
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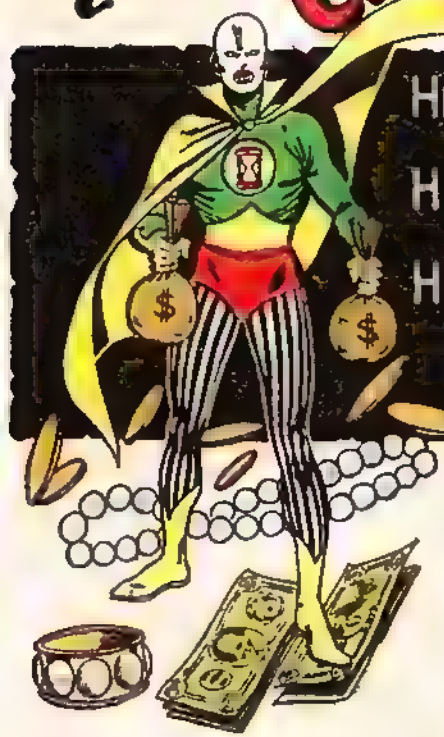

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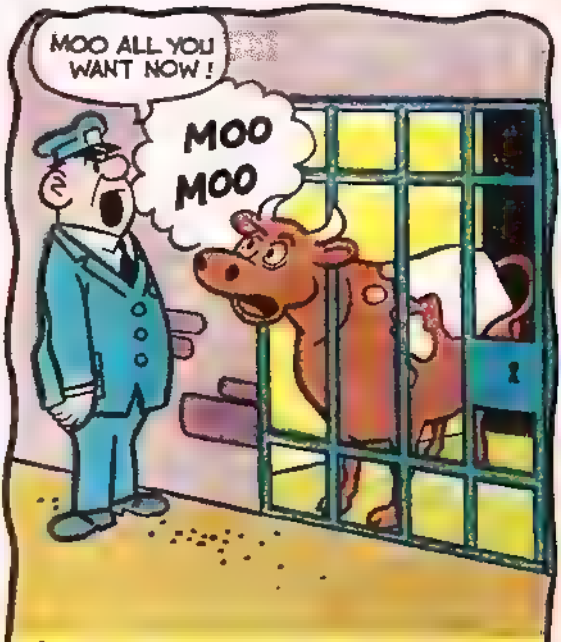
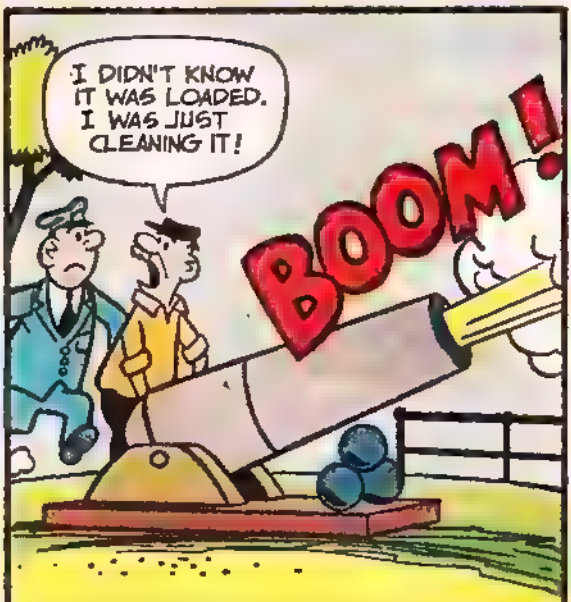
MOBILE, ALABAMA, PASSED AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING WOMEN FROM WEARING SHOES WITH HEELS MORE THAN 1½ INCHES HIGH. THOSE WHO WISH TO WEAR HIGHER HEELS MAY OBTAIN A SPECIAL PERMIT.



ANNOYED NEIGHBORS ARE EMPOWERED TO STOP A COW FROM MOOING ON AN ADJACENT FARM, ACCORDING TO THE CITY COURT IN EXETER, ENGLAND.

AN ARGENTINA ORDINANCE DEMANDS THAT DISK JOCKEYS PLAY AS MANY TANGO RECORDS AS ALL OTHER TYPES OF MUSIC COMBINED.



AN OLD NEW YORK CITY LAW SAYS YOU CANNOT FIRE A CANNON EXCEPT WITH THE MAYOR'S PERMISSION.

Dear Editor: When I saw your story in DETECTIVE COMICS No. 304, "The Return of Clayface," I realized that this was the first time in a long while that a Batman villain was featured again in another issue, except for the Joker. Here's a list of villains that I hope you will return to plague Batman again:

The Spinner, the Dragon Society, The Duplicate Man, The Signalman, King Cobra, The Kite-Man, Dr. Pneumo, Mr. 50, The Son of the Joker, The Polka-Dot Man, The Planet Master, The Elemental Man, The Brand, Kadar—Batman's Master, Simple Simon, The Sinister 8, The Raven and the Wasp, Mr. Marvel, The Dummy, The Clockmaster, The Moth.

Richard Diekmann, Baltimore, Md.

(Whew! That's a real collection of villains! But it takes care of many letters that have come in about various individual foes of Batman. If we have sufficient response from readers, we'll have another adventure featuring your favorite villain. What's your choice, readers?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Your story, "The Return of Clayface," was a real smash hit. I enjoyed very much the part where Clayface turned himself into a giant bat and then Batman froze him with his freeze gun. But I'd like to know why Clayface gave Professor Colton the formula that made him Clayface.

Colin McEnroe, West Hartford, Conn.

(He didn't actually give the professor the formula—he gave him a sample of the liquid protoplasm that is the source of his powers. He wanted the professor to extend the time limit of his powers beyond 48 hours.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I think that the Batmobile should have these things added to it: a camera for taking pictures of getaway cars and crooks; a tape recorder for leaving memos; a dye marker that would stick to any getaway car and leave a trail.

Nelson Cole, St. Johns, Nfld., Canada

(There's a secret laboratory built into the Batmobile which contains many scientific gadgets to help our heroes when they're away from the Bat-cave.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the May issue of DETECTIVE COMICS No. 303, I think you goofed a little. In "Murder in Skyland," you have Bates burning one of the Whirly-Bats, and at the end of the story you have both Batman and Robin flying from Skyland on *two* Whirly-Bats. Otherwise the stories were great.

Leonard Sigal, Forest Hills, N. Y.

(You didn't read carefully enough. In one of the panels near the end, the caption indicates that Batman returned to Skyland in a spare Whirly-Bat. Incidentally, for another great mystery thriller, watch for "The Mardigras Murders," in the Nov. issue of Detective, No. 309.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Here in England we have just got the Giant Batman Annual No. 1. Usually, I am not much of a Batman fan and I only bought the Annual because it had a DC symbol on it. But I read it and liked it, so I read it again, and I liked it even more. In fact, I thought it was terrific—all the stories in it were among the best I have ever read in DC comics. So now I am a regular Batman fan.

In the Batman letter page, I was surprised to see the number of readers who write to you about the smallest, most unimportant mistakes they can find. It appears to me that some people buy magazines only to see how many mistakes they can find instead of just enjoying it, as it should be. After all, nobody is perfect, not even the biggest villain of all time—the Editor.

I have two suggestions that I think would improve the magazine. You should have only two stories in each issue; that way, the stories can be longer and much more interesting. Secondly, the letter column could take up two pages instead of one so that Batman fans can write longer letters!

Richard Eder, London, England

(We're happy to hear from one of our fans across the seas. We hope to have more two-part stories coming up, as in this issue, and perhaps a three-parter, but we're not sure that two long stories should be a regular feature. Many readers like the variety of three stories. But the "villain" is always open to suggestions. As for a two-page letter column, we may occasionally have one, but our schedule doesn't generally permit it—nor do we encourage long letters like the one above!—Ed.)

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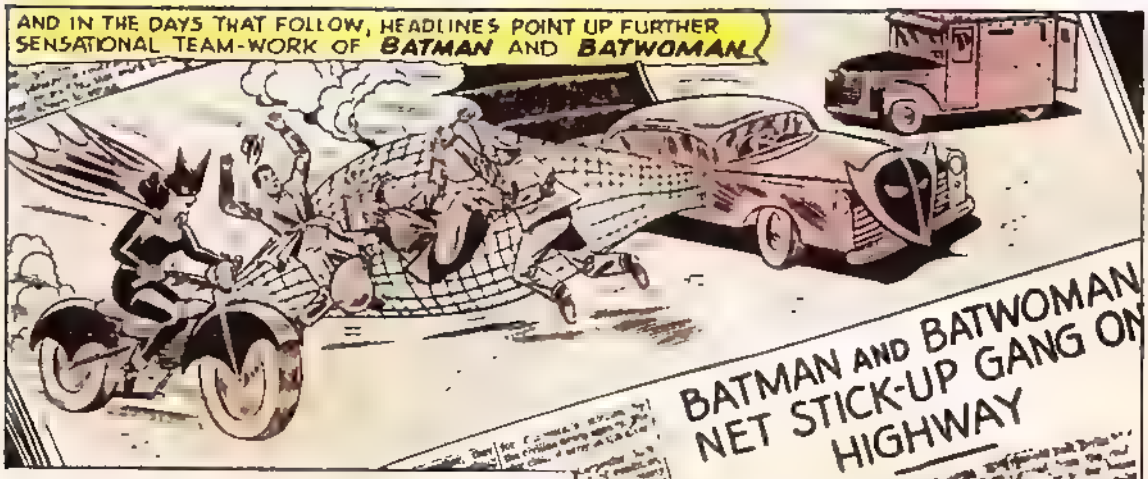
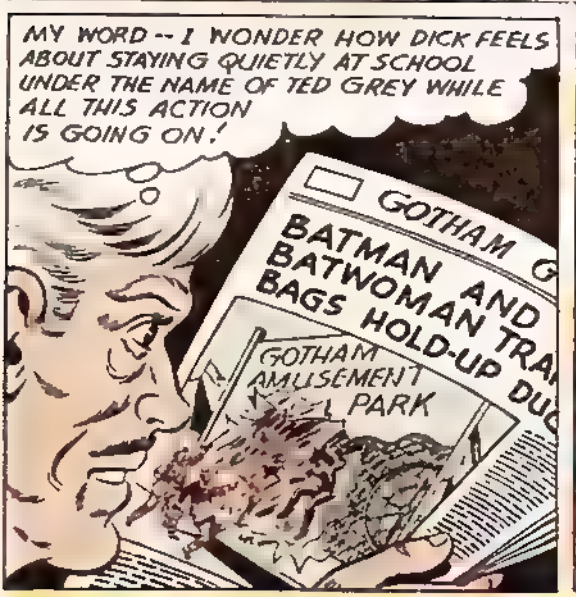
Dear Editor: After I get through reading a magazine featuring Batman, I can't wait until the next one is published, and I like to know in advance what the stories will be. Could you give us a kind of preview of what's coming?

Shirley Givens, Cleveland, Ohio

(We usually try to notify you either in this letter column or in the advertisements in our magazines, whenever possible. Here's a quick run-down on current and future stories: We've mentioned the Nov. DETECTIVE COMICS story in one of the letters in this column, "The Mardigras Murders"; Nov. WORLD'S FINEST is featuring "Joker-Luthor, Inc." in a sensational battle against Superman and Batman and Robin; Dec. BATMAN will have a colorful, intriguing lead story called 'The False Face Society," with two other adventures that are really different; that little imp, Bat-Mite, will be back with us in Dec. DETECTIVE, in "Bat-Mite's Super-Circus"; and Dec. WORLD'S FINEST will feature a terrific out-of-this world adventure, "Riddle of the Four Planets."—Ed.)

CHAPTER 2.
DICK GRAYSON'S HOPES ARE SOON FULFILLED AS THE NEW TEAM OF BATMAN AND ROBIN SWINGS INTO ACTION!
BANG!
THAT THUG'S BULLET SEVERED THE ROPE HOLDING THE CARGO! EITHER I SAVE BATMAN--OR I GET CRUSHED WITH HIM!
GREAT SCOTT!
I OWE YOU MY LIFE, BATWOMAN! YOU-- YOU COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED TRYING TO SAVE ME!
WELL--THAT'S ALL PART OF TEAM-WORK, ISN'T IT?


AND IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, HEADLINES POINT UP FURTHER SENSATIONAL TEAM-WORK OF BATMAN AND BATWOMAN.
BATMAN AND BATWOMAN NET STICK-UP GANG ON HIGHWAY


MY WORD -- I WONDER HOW DICK FEELS ABOUT STAYING QUIETLY AT SCHOOL UNDER THE NAME OF TED GREY WHILE ALL THIS ACTION IS GOING ON!
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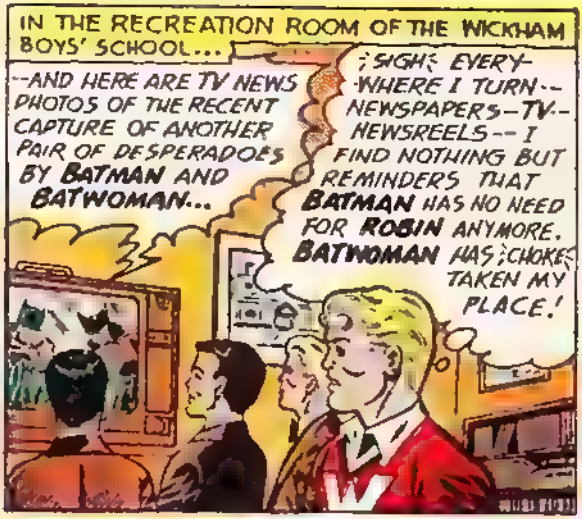
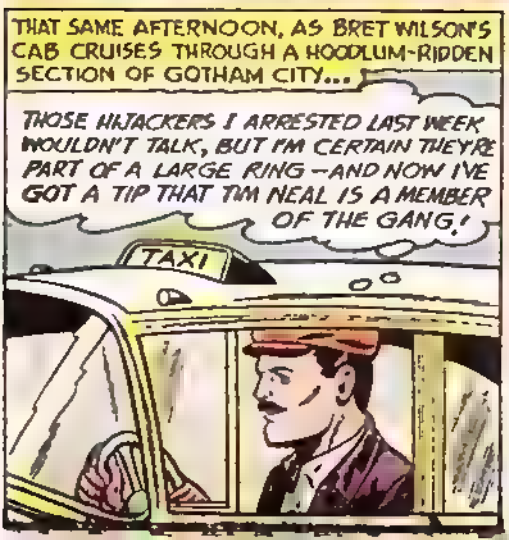

IN THE RECREATION ROOM OF THE WICKHAM BOYS' SCHOOL...
--AND HERE ARE TV NEWS PHOTOS OF THE RECENT CAPTURE OF ANOTHER PAIR OF DESPERADOES BY BATMAN AND BATWOMAN...
SIGH! EVERYWHERE I TURN -- NEWSPAPERS--TV--NEWSREELS -- I FIND NOTHING BUT REMINDERS THAT BATMAN HAS NO NEED FOR ROBIN ANYMORE. BATWOMAN HAS CHOKES TAKEN MY PLACE!


THAT SAME AFTERNOON, AS BRET WILSON'S CAB CRUISES THROUGH A HOODLUM-RIDDEN SECTION OF GOTHAM CITY...
THOSE HIJACKERS I ARRESTED LAST WEEK WOULDN'T TALK, BUT I'M CERTAIN THEY'RE PART OF A LARGE RING -- AND NOW I'VE GOT A TIP THAT TIM NEAL IS A MEMBER OF THE GANG!
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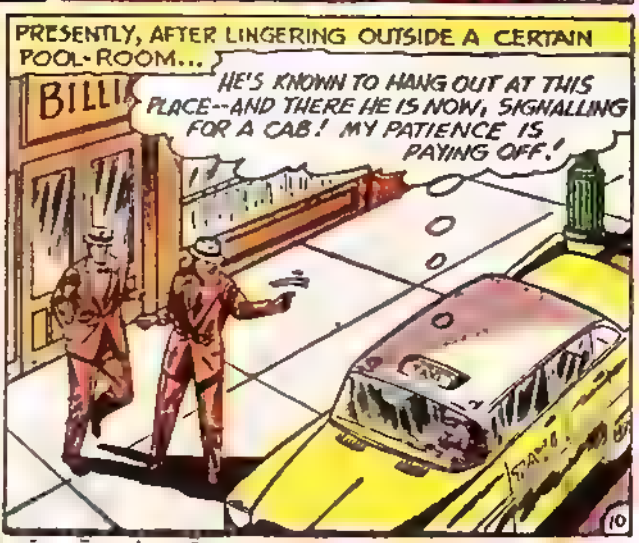
PRESENTLY, AFTER LINGERING OUTSIDE A CERTAIN POOL-ROOM...
BILLI
HE'S KNOWN TO HANG OUT AT THIS PLACE--AND THERE HE IS NOW, SIGNALLING FOR A CAB! MY PATIENCE IS PAYING OFF!
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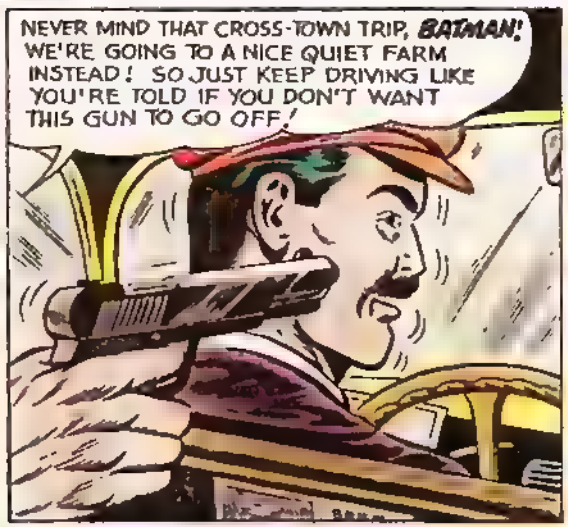
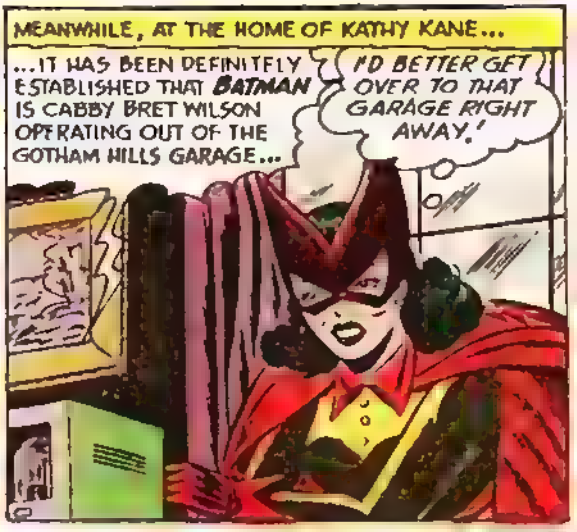
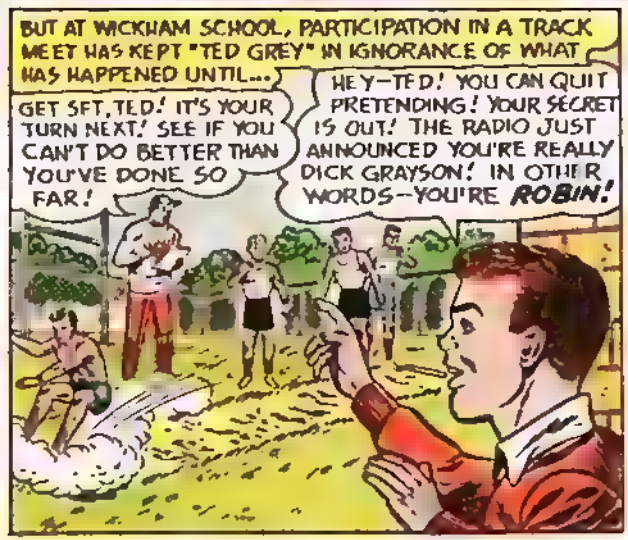
DIRECTED TO A CROSS-TOWN ADDRESS, THE DISGUISED BATMAN IS ALL EARS AS HE THREADS HIS CAB THROUGH TRAFFIC...
--AND THE BOYS ARE EXPECTING A FRESH TRUCKLOAD AT THE FARM THIS AFTERNOON...
HM--THAT MIGHT MEAN THAT THEY'RE USING SOME FARM AS A DROP FOR THEIR LOOT. IF I COULD ONLY FIND SOME WAY OF GETTING TO THAT FARM...
JUST THEN, AT A HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION SITE BEHIND GOTHAM HILLS GARAGE, EVENTS ARE IN THE MAKING THAT WILL GRANT BRET'S WISH SOONER THAN HE IMAGINES...
THERE GOES THE MOUNTAINSIDE!
BOOM!
MOMENTS AFTER THE DUST SETTLES--CONSTRUCTION MEN MAKE A STARTLING DISCOVERY...
HOLY SMOKE! WE BLASTED OPEN SOME KIND OF UNDERGROUND MUSEUM! WAIT! THIS LOOKS LIKE--SURE--IT'S BATMAN'S SECRET CAVE! BUT--WHO ARE YOU?
BLIMEY! EXPOSED! BATMAN IS GOING TO BE VERY UNHAPPY OVER THIS DEVELOPMENT!
SHORTLY, IN THE CITY ROOM OF THE GOTHAM GAZETTE...
--AND IT TURNS OUT THAT BATMAN'S BEEN OPERATING A CAB UNDER THE NAME OF BRET WILSON OUT OF THIS GAS STATION RUN BY THE FORMER WAYNE BUTLER! AND ROBIN'S AT WICKHAM SCHOOL UNDER THE NAME OF TED GREY!
CITY DITOR
AS THE STARTLING NEWS HUMS OUT OVER THE AIR-WAVES, IT IS PICKED UP BY THE RADIO IN BRET'S CAB, WHERE...
--THAT BATMAN HAS TAKEN THE IDENTITY OF BRET WILSON, CAB-DRIVER!
HEY--LOOK! ACCORDING TO THAT PLAQUE THE GUY DRIVING THIS CAB IS BRET WILSON! THAT MEANS HE--HE'S BATMAN! WHAT'RE WE WAITING FOR?

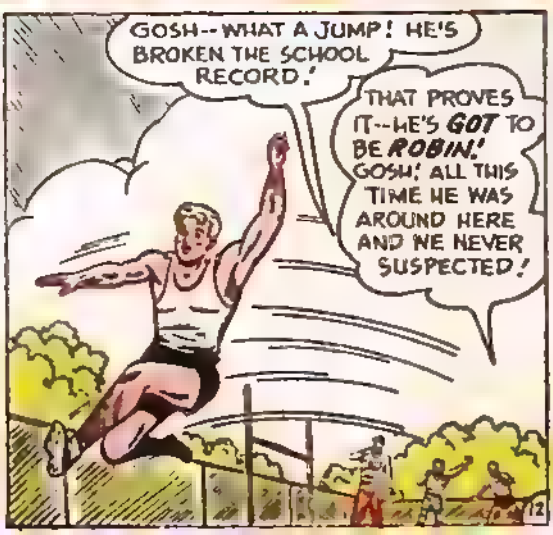

NEVER MIND THAT CROSS-TOWN TRIP, BATMAN! WE'RE GOING TO A NICE QUIET FARM INSTEAD! SO JUST KEEP DRIVING LIKE YOU'RE TOLD IF YOU DON'T WANT THIS GUN TO GO OFF!

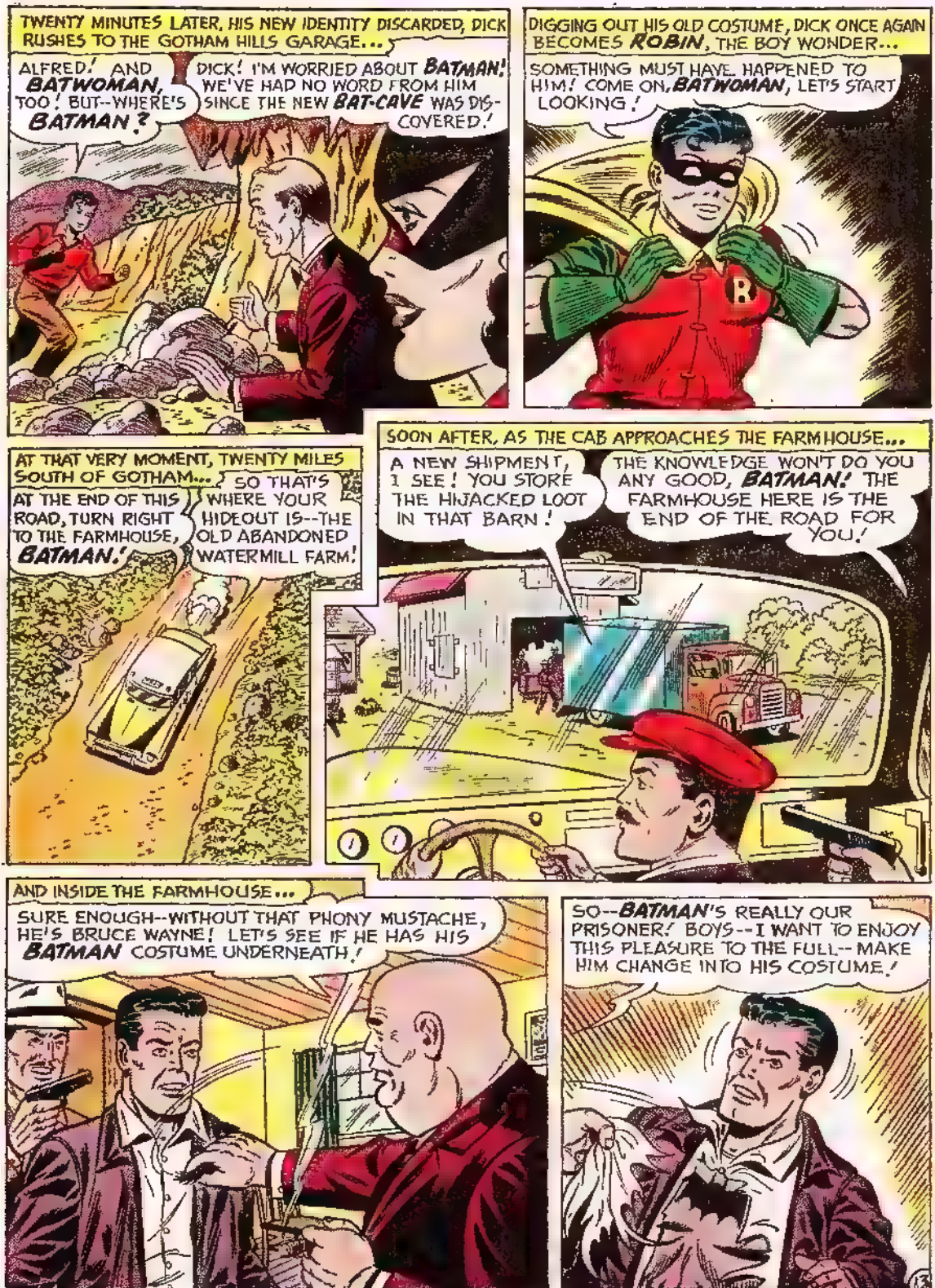

MEANWHILE, AT THE HOME OF KATHY KANE...
...IT HAS BEEN DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED THAT BATMAN IS CABBY BRET WILSON OPERATING OUT OF THE GOTHAM HILLS GARAGE...
I'D BETTER GET OVER TO THAT GARAGE RIGHT AWAY!

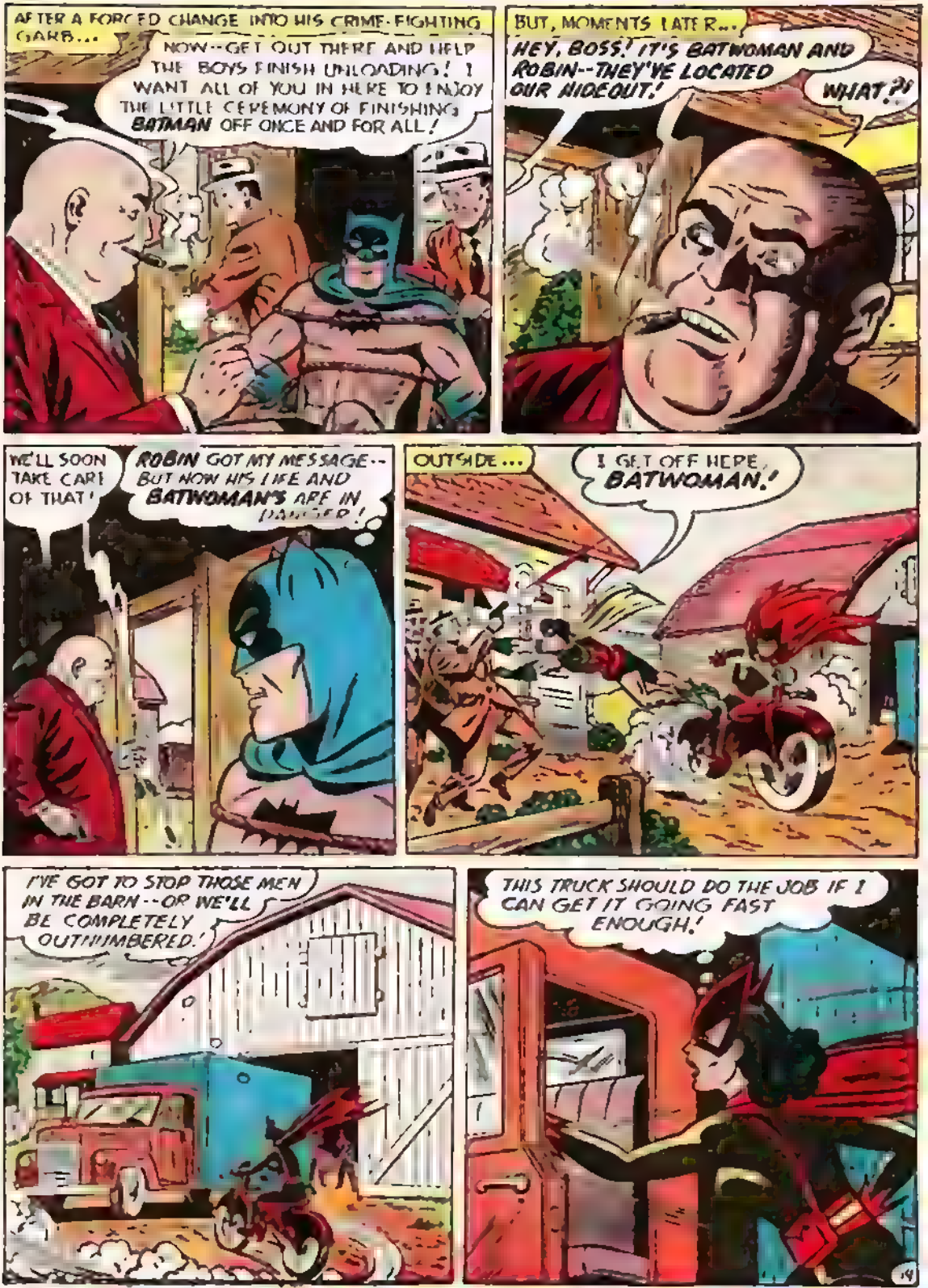

BUT AT WICKHAM SCHOOL, PARTICIPATION IN A TRACK MEET HAS KEPT "TED GREY" IN IGNORANCE OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED UNTIL...
GET SET, TED! IT'S YOUR TURN NEXT! SEE IF YOU CAN'T DO BETTER THAN YOU'VE DONE SO FAR!
HEY—TED! YOU CAN QUIT PRETENDING! YOUR SECRET IS OUT! THE RADIO JUST ANNOUNCED YOU'RE REALLY DICK GRAYSON! IN OTHER WORDS—YOU'RE ROBIN!

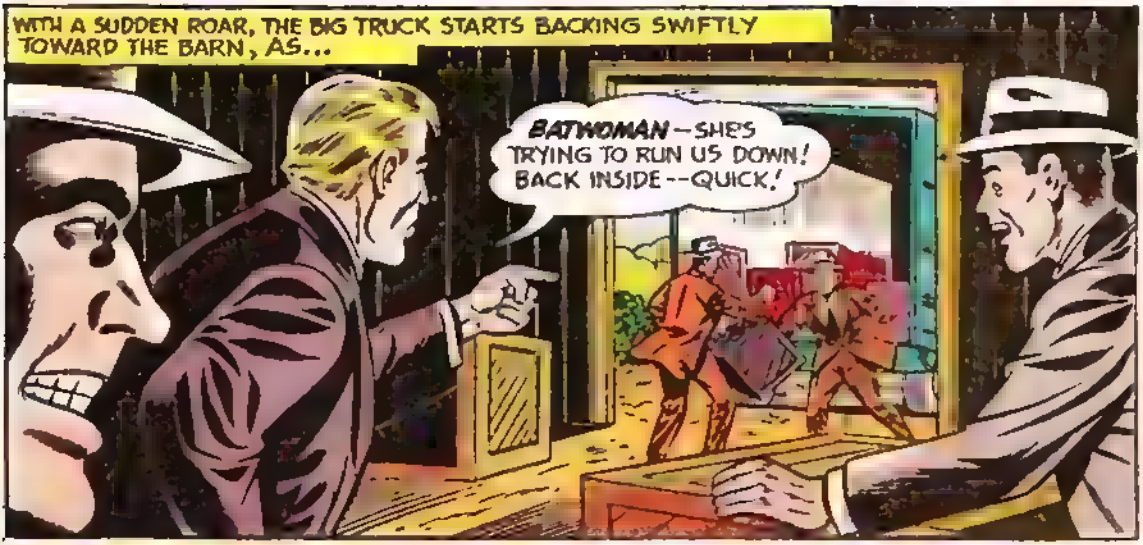
HUH--THE RADIO? BUT--BUT--WHY! HOW?
A ROAD GANG ACCIDENTALLY BLASTED INTO THE NEW BAT-CAVE! THE WHOLE STORY'S BEEN BROADCAST--INCLUDING THE NAME YOU WERE USING HERE AT SCHOOL!

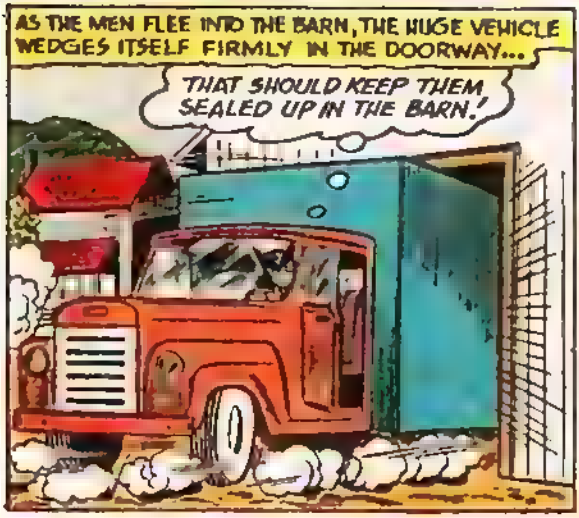
WHAT? YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE TED GREY HERE IS ROBIN? AFTER THE POOR SCORE HE'S MADE SO FAR IN THIS TRACK MEET?
SINCE MY IDENTITY'S OUT, AND I DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK ANY MORE--I'LL REALLY SHOW THEM SOME BROAD-JUMPING!

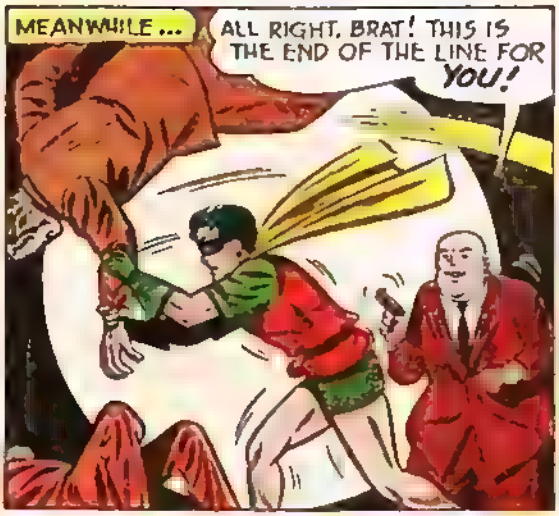

GOSH--WHAT A JUMP! HE'S BROKEN THE SCHOOL RECORD!
THAT PROVES IT--HE'S GOT TO BE ROBIN! GOSH! ALL THIS TIME HE WAS AROUND HERE AND WE NEVER SUSPECTED!

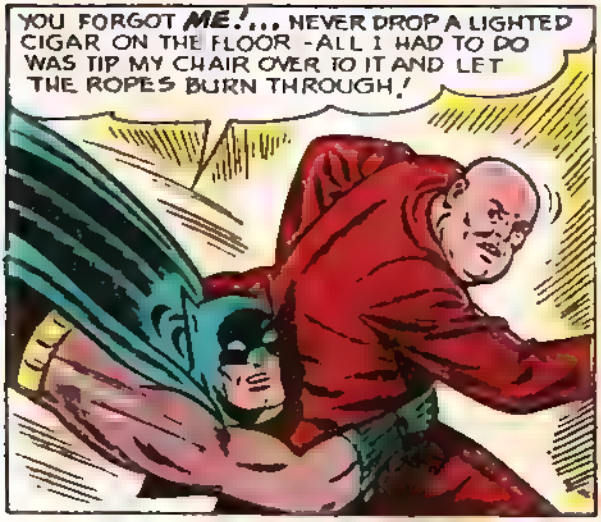

TWENTY MINUTES LATER, HIS NEW IDENTITY DISCARDED, DICK RUSHES TO THE GOTHAM HILLS GARAGE...
ALFRED! AND BATWOMAN, TOO! BUT--WHERE'S BATMAN?
DICK! I'M WORRIED ABOUT BATMAN! WE'VE HAD NO WORD FROM HIM SINCE THE NEW BAT-CAVE WAS DISCOVERED!
DIGGING OUT HIS OLD COSTUME, DICK ONCE AGAIN BECOMES ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER...
SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM! COME ON, BATWOMAN, LET'S START LOOKING!
AT THAT VERY MOMENT, TWENTY MILES SOUTH OF GOTHAM...
AT THE END OF THIS ROAD, TURN RIGHT TO THE FARMHOUSE, BATMAN!
SO THAT'S WHERE YOUR HIDEOUT IS--THE OLD ABANDONED WATERMILL FARM!
SOON AFTER, AS THE CAB APPROACHES THE FARMHOUSE...
A NEW SHIPMENT, I SEE! YOU STORE THE HIJACKED LOOT IN THAT BARN!
THE KNOWLEDGE WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD, BATMAN! THE FARMHOUSE HERE IS THE END OF THE ROAD FOR YOU!
AND INSIDE THE FARMHOUSE...
SURE ENOUGH--WITHOUT THAT PHONY MUSTACHE, HE'S BRUCE WAYNE! LET'S SEE IF HE HAS HIS BATMAN COSTUME UNDERNEATH!
SO--BATMAN'S REALLY OUR PRISONER! BOYS--I WANT TO ENJOY THIS PLEASURE TO THE FULL--MAKE HIM CHANGE INTO HIS COSTUME!

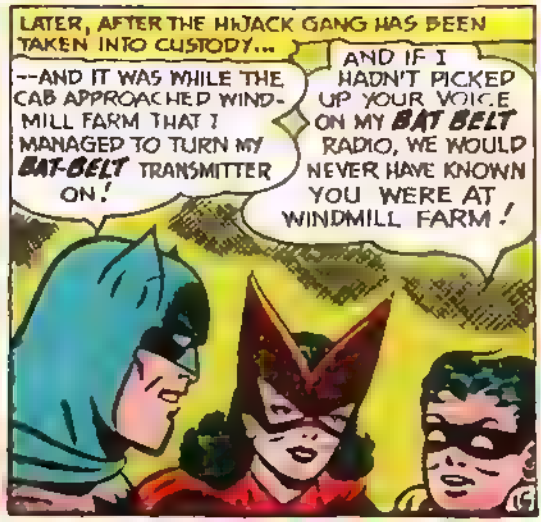

AFTER A FORCED CHANGE INTO HIS CRIME-FIGHTING GARB...
NOW--GET OUT THERE AND HELP THE BOYS FINISH UNLOADING! I WANT ALL OF YOU IN HERE TO ENJOY THE LITTLE CEREMONY OF FINISHING BATMAN OFF ONCE AND FOR ALL!
BUT, MOMENTS LATER...
HEY, BOSS! IT'S BATWOMAN AND ROBIN--THEY'VE LOCATED OUR HIDEOUT!
WHAT?!
WE'LL SOON TAKE CARE OF THAT!
ROBIN GOT MY MESSAGE--BUT NOW HIS LIFE AND BATWOMAN'S ARE IN DANGER!
OUTSIDE...
I GET OFF HERE, BATWOMAN!
I'VE GOT TO STOP THOSE MEN IN THE BARN--OR WE'LL BE COMPLETELY OUTNUMBERED!
THIS TRUCK SHOULD DO THE JOB IF I CAN GET IT GOING FAST ENOUGH!

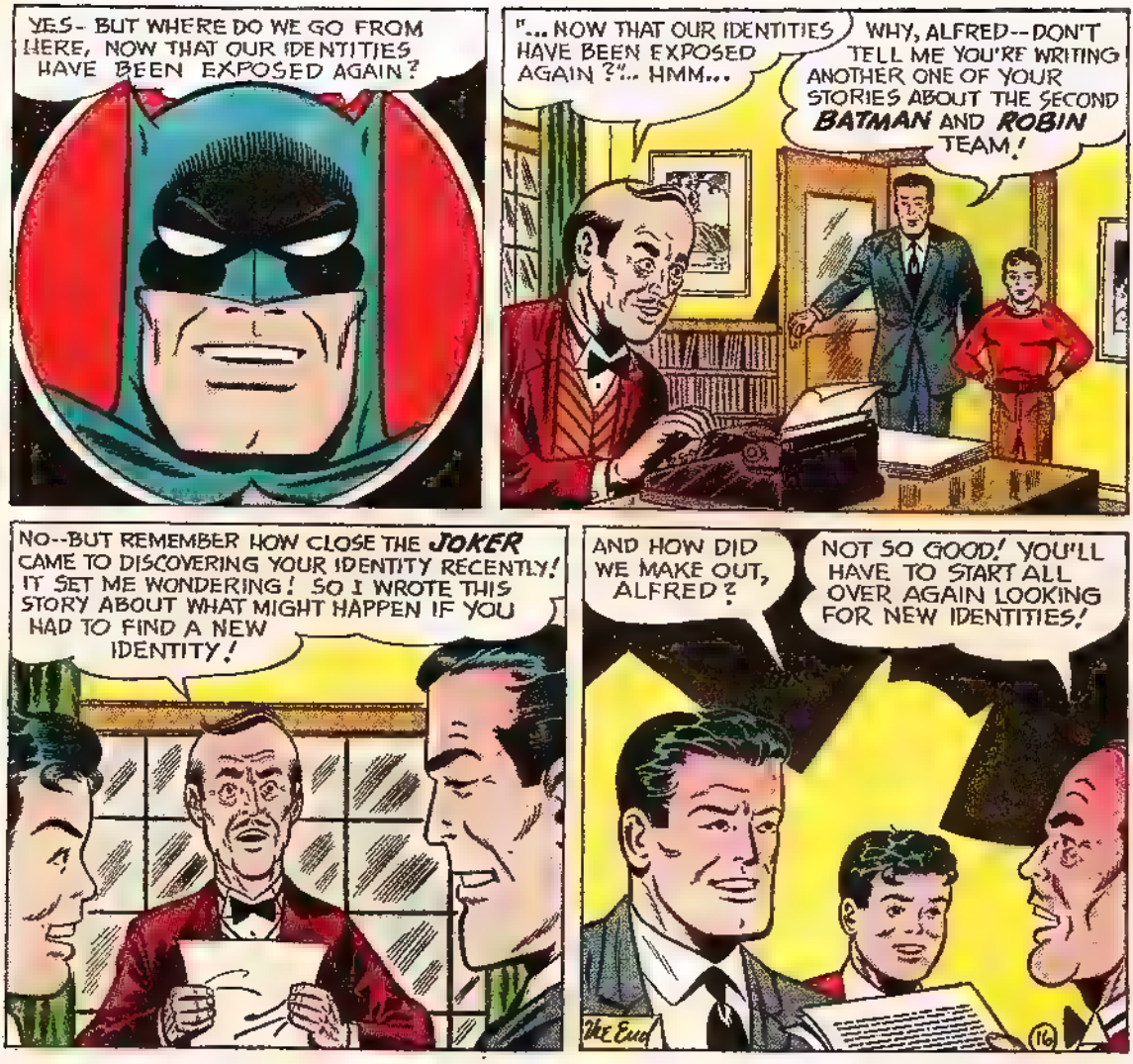

WITH A SUDDEN ROAR, THE BIG TRUCK STARTS BACKING SWIFTLY TOWARD THE BARN, AS...
BATWOMAN—SHE'S TRYING TO RUN US DOWN! BACK INSIDE--QUICK!


AS THE MEN FLEE INTO THE BARN, THE HUGE VEHICLE WEDGES ITSELF FIRMLY IN THE DOORWAY...
THAT SHOULD KEEP THEM SEALED UP IN THE BARN!


MEANWHILE...
ALL RIGHT, BRAT! THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE FOR YOU!


YOU FORGOT ME!... NEVER DROP A LIGHTED CIGAR ON THE FLOOR -ALL I HAD TO DO WAS TIP MY CHAIR OVER TO IT AND LET THE ROPES BURN THROUGH!


LATER, AFTER THE HIJACK GANG HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY...
--AND IT WAS WHILE THE CAB APPROACHED WINDMILL FARM THAT I MANAGED TO TURN MY BAT-BELT TRANSMITTER ON!
AND IF I HADN'T PICKED UP YOUR VOICE ON MY BAT BELT RADIO, WE WOULD NEVER HAVE KNOWN YOU WERE AT WINDMILL FARM!


YES- BUT WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE, NOW THAT OUR IDENTITIES HAVE BEEN EXPOSED AGAIN?
"... NOW THAT OUR IDENTITIES HAVE BEEN EXPOSED AGAIN?"... HMM...
WHY, ALFRED--DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE WRITING ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR STORIES ABOUT THE SECOND BATMAN AND ROBIN TEAM!
NO--BUT REMEMBER HOW CLOSE THE JOKER CAME TO DISCOVERING YOUR IDENTITY RECENTLY! IT SET ME WONDERING! SO I WROTE THIS STORY ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF YOU HAD TO FIND A NEW IDENTITY!
AND HOW DID WE MAKE OUT, ALFRED?
NOT SO GOOD! YOU'LL HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN LOOKING FOR NEW IDENTITIES!
The End
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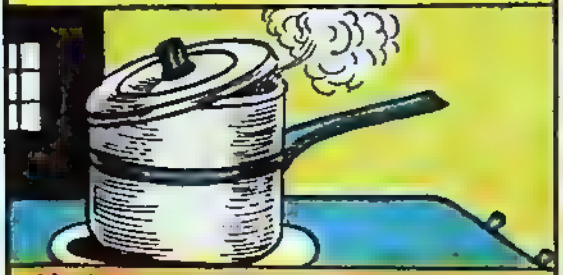

NO! THE WHITE VAPOR WE SEE IS REALLY A COLLECTION OF MOISTURE PARTICLES FORMED BY THE CONDENSATION OF TRUE STEAM!

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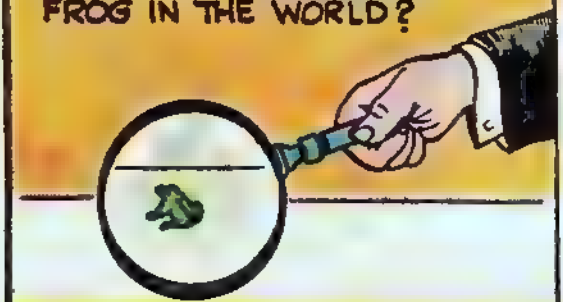

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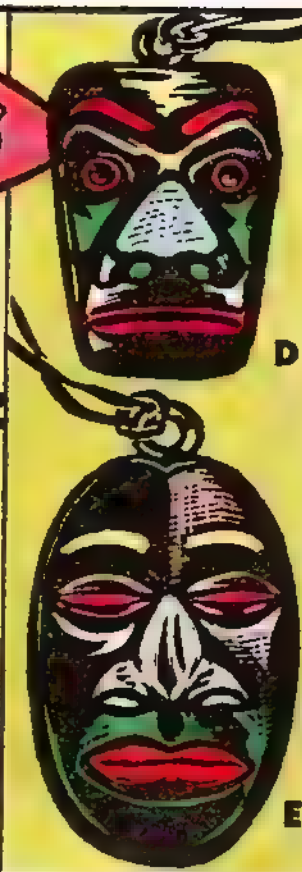

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WHAT DOES IT SAY, PROFESSOR?
HMM...
IMAGINE! I HEARD THE SAME JOKE ON THE RADIO LAST WEEK!
End

BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
NO MATTER HOW DANGEROUS FOR US, WE MUST GET THAT GADGET—OR ALL GOTHAM CITY WILL BE IN PERIL!
BOB KANE
WHAT WAS THAT WEIRD GADGET? WHERE DID IT COME FROM? THESE RIDDLES WERE HARDLY AS IMPORTANT AS THE TERRIBLE DANGER IT POSED! AND, THOUGH EVERYONE FEARED ITS DREAD EFFECTS, ONLY BATMAN AND ROBIN KNEW THE REAL THREAT BEHIND...
"THE MYSTERY GADGET from the STARS!"

ONE DAY, AT A SITE SELECTED BY FATE TO BE THE CRADLE OF WEIRD EVENTS, ED MANOS COLLECTS SOME RARE HERBS...
HMM... WHAT CAN THAT BE?
THIS STRANGE GADGET MUST HAVE BEEN LYING BURIED IN THE GROUND FOR CENTURIES.! WONDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I PRESSED THIS BUTTON?
ABRUPTLY...
GREAT SCOTT! THE RAY... THE STREAM... WHAT HAVE I DONE? THE GADGET'S DYNAMITE! BETTER CALL THE POLICE!
AT THAT MOMENT, IN GOTHAM CITY...
THOSE HARRIS BOYS ARE SLIPPERY CUSTOMERS! WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO TRACK THEM DOWN FOR WEEKS! LET'S NOT LOSE THEM NOW!
BUT, ONE OF THE HARRIS BOYS WHEELS ABOUT, AND TOSSES AN EGG-SHAPED OBJECT...
TEAR GAS! USE EMERGENCY MASKS FROM ¡COUGH¡ UTILITY BELT, ROBIN!

BUT A FEW MOMENTS' DELAY IS ENOUGH!
THEY MUST HAVE HAD A GETAWAY CAR ON ONE OF THESE STREETS! WE'VE LOST THEM AGAIN!
SUDDENLY...
THE BAT-SIGNAL!
LET'S HURRY BACK TO THE BATMOBILE, AND SEE WHAT'S UP!
PRESENTLY...
INCREDIBLE EVENT AT WILTON GLEN!
LET'S GO THERE AT ONCE!
SOON...
THIS IS ED MANOS. HE HAS AN UNBELIEVABLE STORY!
YES, BUT WE'D BETTER DIVERT THAT STREAM FIRST! THE FORCE OF THAT WATER COULD START AN AVALANCHE OF THOSE ROCKS AND ENDANGER THOSE HOUSES BELOW!...I'VE GOT AN IDEA--I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
SHORTLY, AFTER THE BATMOBILE RETURNS FROM A QUICK ERRAND...
THERE--THAT DOES IT! THE WATER, FOR THE TIME BEING, WILL BE DIVERTED TOWARD THAT GULLY ON THE OTHER SIDE!
NOW, MANOS, TELL US WHAT HAPPENED!

AS MANOS FINISHES HIS STRANGE TALE...
...IN THE EXCITEMENT, I MUST HAVE FLUNG THE GADGET AWAY, AND IT SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED!
WELL, LET'S GET BACK UP THAT HILL AND LOOK FOR IT!
BUT MINUTES LATER, AFTER A PAINSTAKING SEARCH...
NO SIGN OF IT ANYWHERE, BATMAN!
BUT LOOK WHAT I FOUND!
THIS BLADE OF WHEAT--INCREDIBLE! LOOK AT THE KERNEL CLUSTERS! SCIENTISTS HOPE THEIR EXPERIMENTS WILL PRODUCE WHEAT LIKE THIS, BUT THEY DON'T EXPECT TO BE SUCCESSFUL UNTIL HUNDREDS OF YEARS IN THE FUTURE!
THAT RAY MUST BE RESPONSIBLE! IT SPEEDS UP NATURAL DEVELOPMENT BY CENTURIES! IT MUST HAVE GLANCED OFF THE BLADE OF WHEAT BEFORE PENETRATING THAT CLIFFSIDE AND CAUSING A MOUNTAIN STREAM TO GUSH FORTH, AS IT WOULD NATURALLY EONS FROM NOW!
A DOG DOWN BELOW--BARKING! I THINK I KNOW WHERE THAT GADGET WENT! I'LL TEST WITH A PIECE OF WOOD...
WOOF... WOOF
BARE SECONDS LATER...
IF THAT DOG'S MASTER TRAINED IT TO FETCH AND RETRIEVE, IT COULD HAVE GRABBED THE GADGET WHEN MANOS FLUNG IT AWAY--
--AND BROUGHT IT TO ITS MASTER! WE'LL FOLLOW HIM IN THE BATMOBILE AND FIND OUT WHO THAT MASTER IS!
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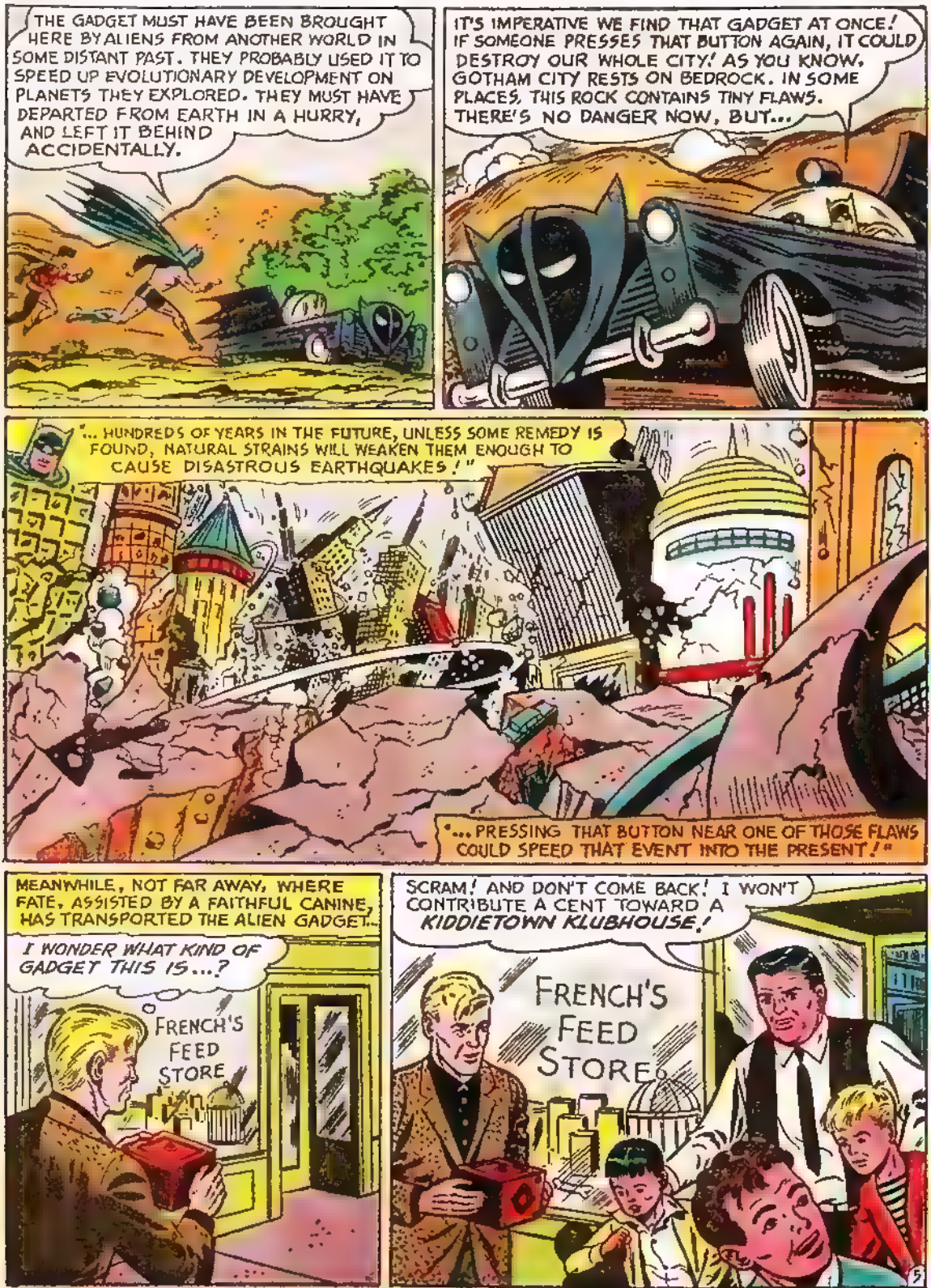
THE GADGET MUST HAVE BEEN BROUGHT HERE BY ALIENS FROM ANOTHER WORLD IN SOME DISTANT PAST. THEY PROBABLY USED IT TO SPEED UP EVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT ON PLANETS THEY EXPLORED. THEY MUST HAVE DEPARTED FROM EARTH IN A HURRY, AND LEFT IT BEHIND ACCIDENTALLY.
IT'S IMPERATIVE WE FIND THAT GADGET AT ONCE! IF SOMEONE PRESSES THAT BUTTON AGAIN, IT COULD DESTROY OUR WHOLE CITY! AS YOU KNOW, GOTHAM CITY RESTS ON BEDROCK. IN SOME PLACES, THIS ROCK CONTAINS TINY FLAWS. THERE'S NO DANGER NOW, BUT...
"... HUNDREDS OF YEARS IN THE FUTURE, UNLESS SOME REMEDY IS FOUND, NATURAL STRAINS WILL WEAKEN THEM ENOUGH TO CAUSE DISASTROUS EARTHQUAKES!"
"... PRESSING THAT BUTTON NEAR ONE OF THOSE FLAWS COULD SPEED THAT EVENT INTO THE PRESENT!"
MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY, WHERE FATE, ASSISTED BY A FAITHFUL CANINE, HAS TRANSPORTED THE ALIEN GADGET...
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF GADGET THIS IS...?
FRENCH'S FEED STORE
SCRAM! AND DON'T COME BACK! I WON'T CONTRIBUTE A CENT TOWARD A KIDDIETOWN KLUBHOUSE!
FRENCH'S FEED STORE
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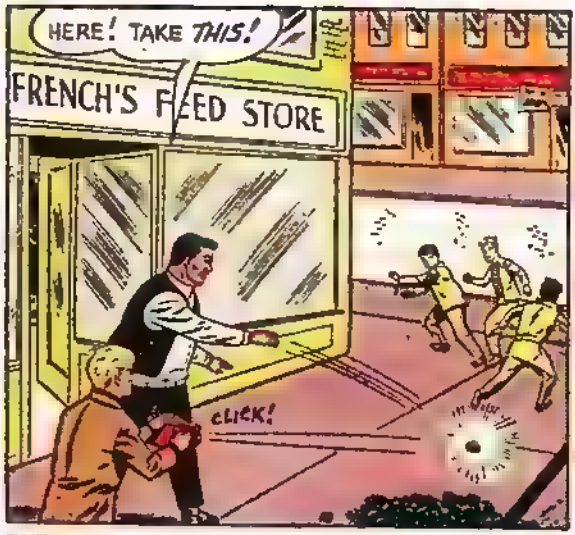
HERE! TAKE THIS!
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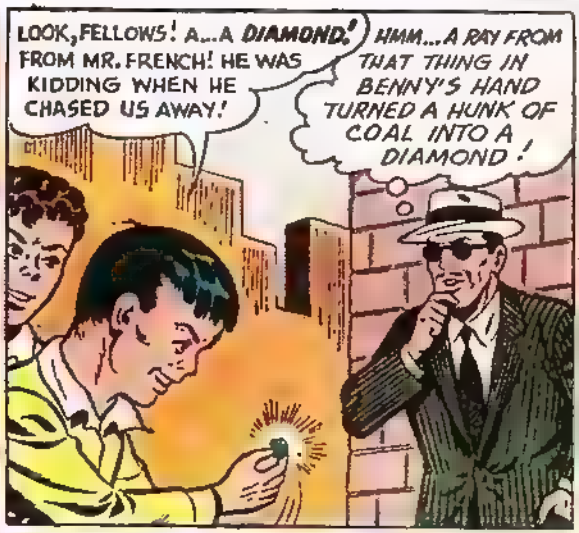
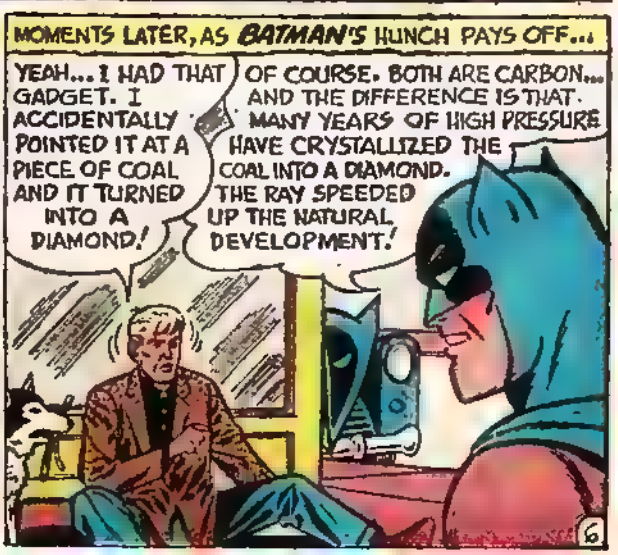

LOOK, FELLOWS! A...A DIAMOND! FROM MR. FRENCH! HE WAS KIDDING WHEN HE CHASED US AWAY!
HMM...A RAY FROM THAT THING IN BENNY'S HAND TURNED A HUNK OF COAL INTO A DIAMOND!

GOSH, YOU SURE ARE SWELL, MR. FRENCH! WE'LL NEVER FORGET YOU!
HMM... NOBODY EVER THANKED ME BEFORE. IT FEELS RIGHT GOOD! THAT DIAMOND'S A MYSTERY, BUT LET THEM KEEP IT!
FRENCH'S FEED STORE

I'LL TAKE THAT, BRAT!

AND I'LL TAKE THAT FROM YOU, BENNY!
WHAP!


MOMENTS LATER, AS BATMAN'S HUNCH PAYS OFF...
YEAH... I HAD THAT GADGET. I ACCIDENTALLY POINTED IT AT A PIECE OF COAL AND IT TURNED INTO A DIAMOND!
OF COURSE. BOTH ARE CARBON... AND THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT MANY YEARS OF HIGH PRESSURE HAVE CRYSTALLIZED THE COAL INTO A DIAMOND. THE RAY SPEEDED UP THE NATURAL DEVELOPMENT!
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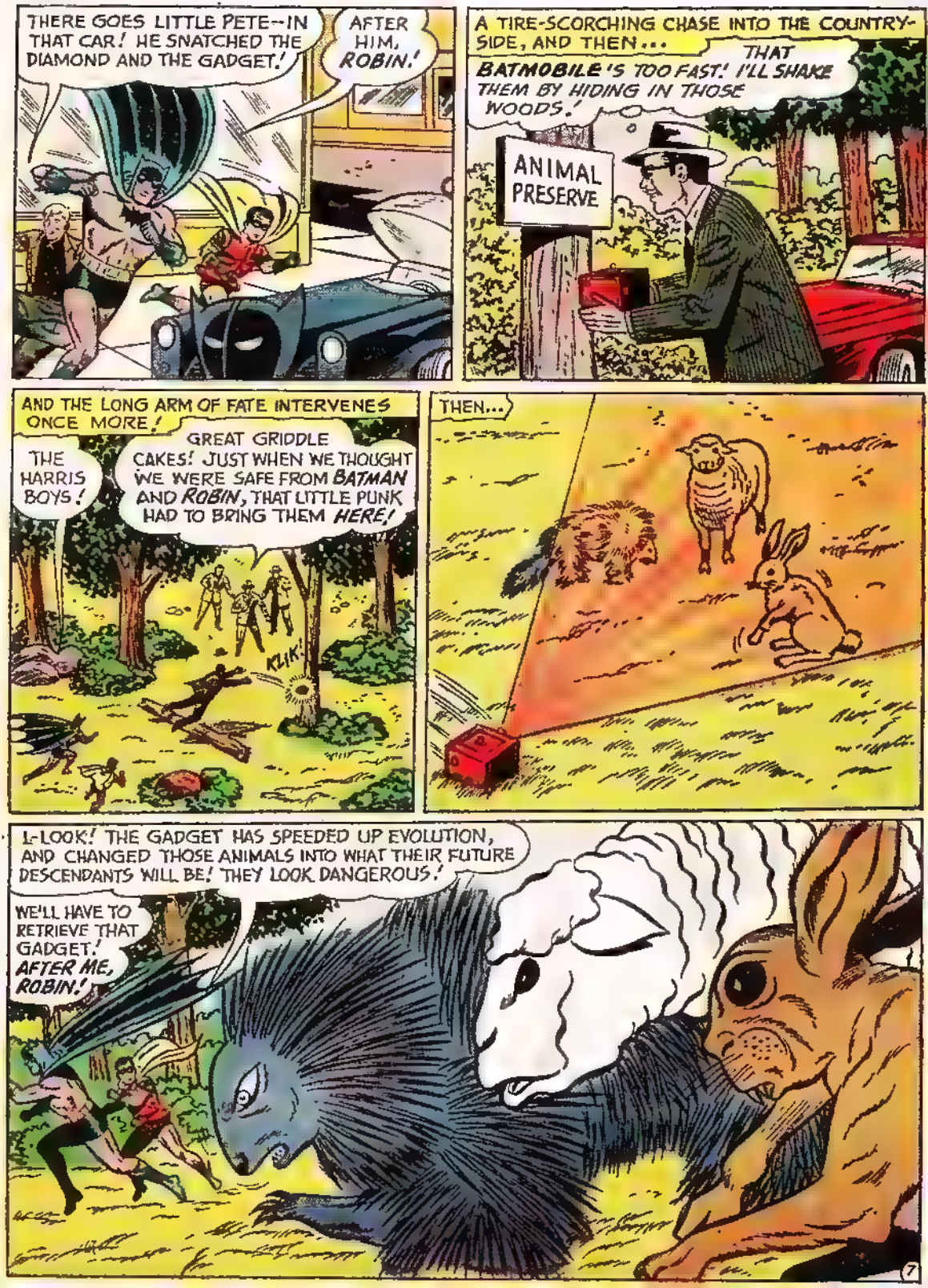
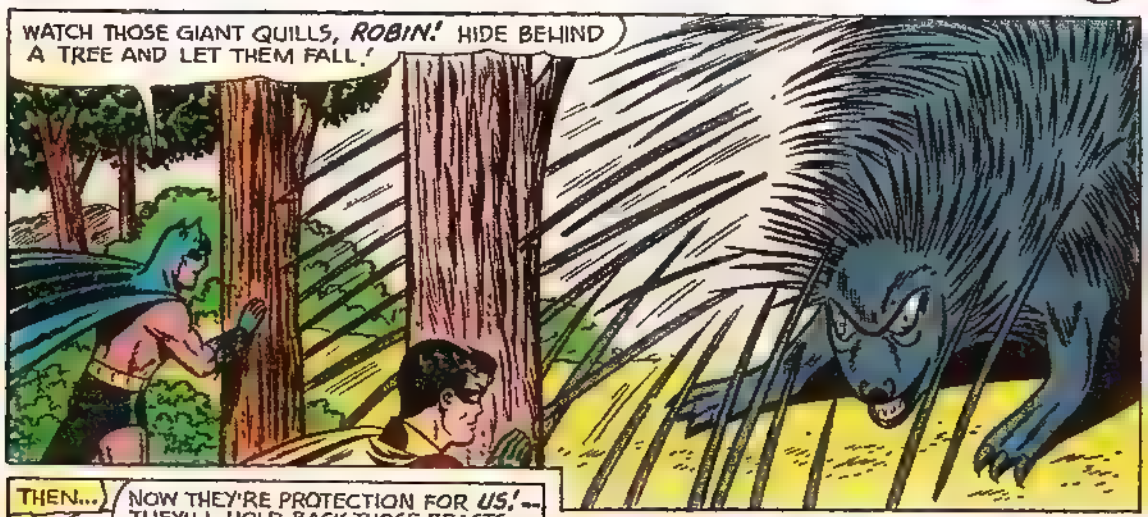
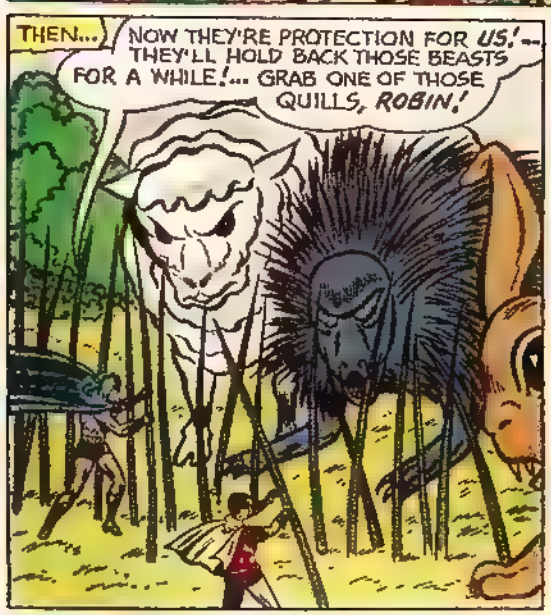
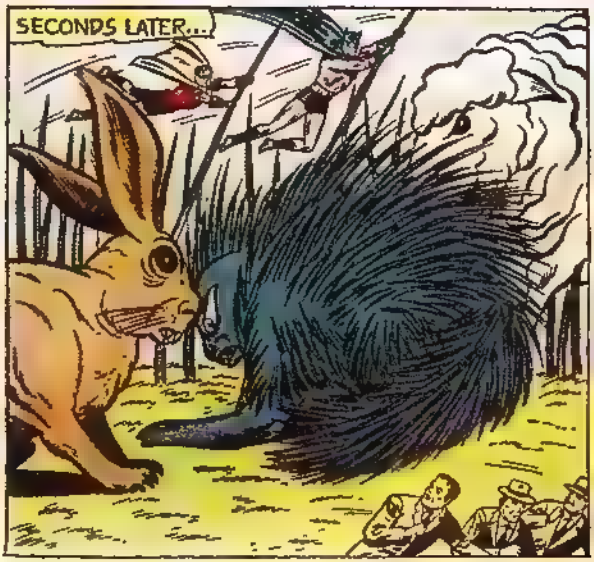

THERE GOES LITTLE PETE--IN THAT CAR! HE SNATCHED THE DIAMOND AND THE GADGET!
AFTER HIM, ROBIN!
A TIRE-SCORCHING CHASE INTO THE COUNTRY-SIDE, AND THEN...
THAT BATMOBILE'S TOO FAST! I'LL SHAKE THEM BY HIDING IN THOSE WOODS!
ANIMAL PRESERVE
AND THE LONG ARM OF FATE INTERVENES ONCE MORE!
THE HARRIS BOYS!
GREAT GRIDDLE CAKES! JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT WE WERE SAFE FROM BATMAN AND ROBIN, THAT LITTLE PUNK HAD TO BRING THEM HERE!
KLIK!
THEN...
L-LOOK! THE GADGET HAS SPEEDED UP EVOLUTION, AND CHANGED THOSE ANIMALS INTO WHAT THEIR FUTURE DESCENDANTS WILL BE! THEY LOOK DANGEROUS!
WE'LL HAVE TO RETRIEVE THAT GADGET! AFTER ME, ROBIN!


WATCH THOSE GIANT QUILLS, ROBIN! HIDE BEHIND A TREE AND LET THEM FALL!


THEN...
NOW THEY'RE PROTECTION FOR US!--THEY'LL HOLD BACK THOSE BEASTS FOR A WHILE!... GRAB ONE OF THOSE QUILLS, ROBIN!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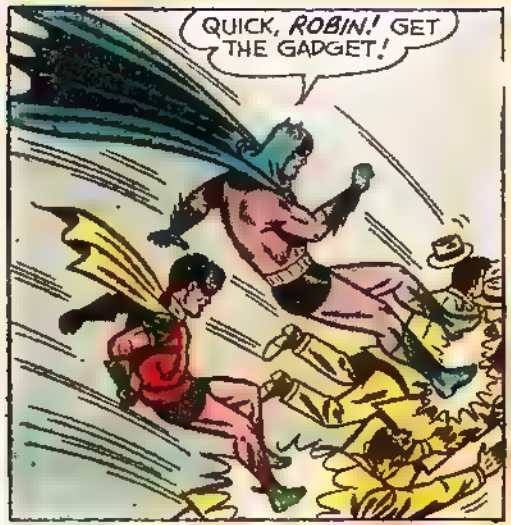
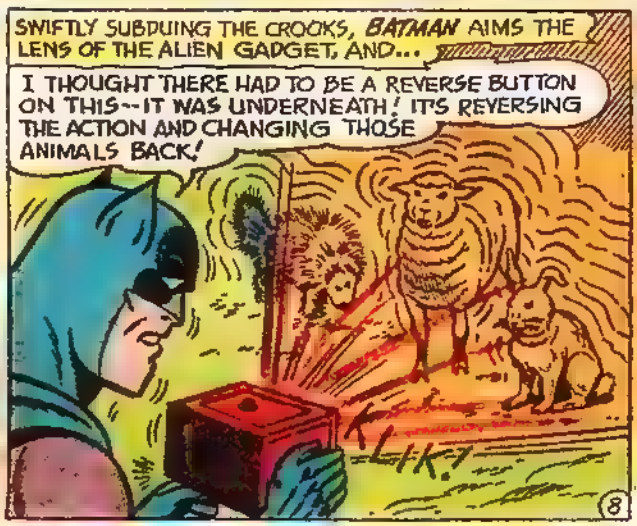
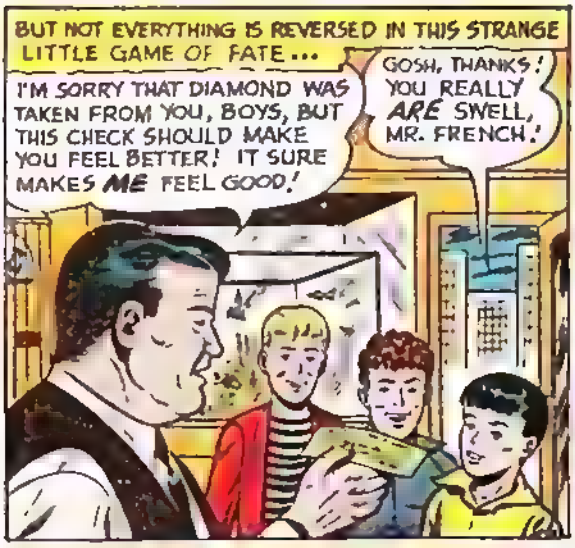
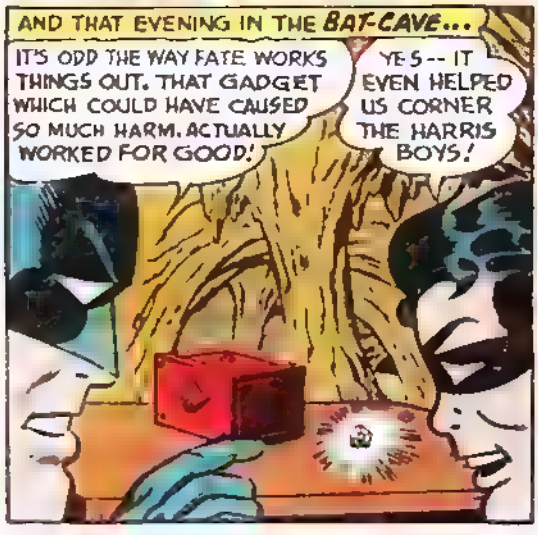
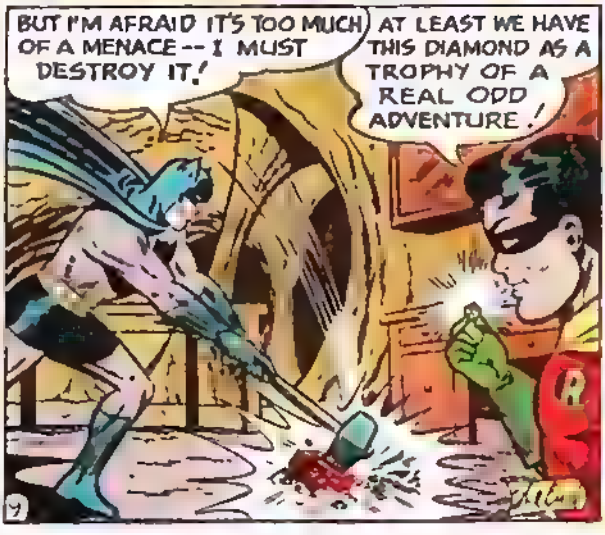

QUICK, ROBIN! GET THE GADGET!


SWIFTLY SUBDUING THE CROOKS, BATMAN AIMS THE LENS OF THE ALIEN GADGET, AND...
I THOUGHT THERE HAD TO BE A REVERSE BUTTON ON THIS--IT WAS UNDERNEATH! IT'S REVERSING THE ACTION AND CHANGING THOSE ANIMALS BACK!
KLIK!

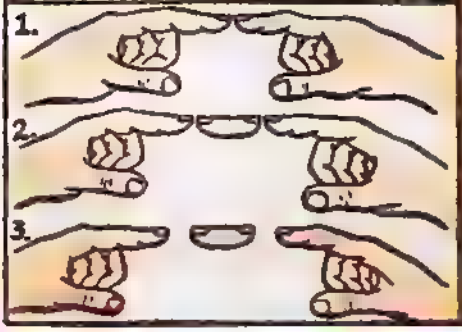

BUT NOT EVERYTHING IS REVERSED IN THIS STRANGE LITTLE GAME OF FATE...
I'M SORRY THAT DIAMOND WAS TAKEN FROM YOU, BOYS, BUT THIS CHECK SHOULD MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER! IT SURE MAKES ME FEEL GOOD!
GOSH, THANKS! YOU REALLY ARE SWELL, MR. FRENCH!

AT WILTON GLEN...
THAT STREAM WILL MAKE A WONDERLAND OF THE VALLEY BELOW WHEN WE GET IT UNDER CONTROL! IT WILL HELP MAKE RICH FARMS BY PROVIDING ALL THE IRRIGATION WE NEED!


AND THAT EVENING IN THE BAT-CAVE...
IT'S ODD THE WAY FATE WORKS THINGS OUT. THAT GADGET WHICH COULD HAVE CAUSED SO MUCH HARM, ACTUALLY WORKED FOR GOOD!
YES -- IT EVEN HELPED US CORNER THE HARRIS BOYS!



Hold your hands at eye level 9 inches away in the position shown in Drawing 1. Look at the tips of your fingers, then gaze beyond your fingers and you will appear to be holding another small finger as shown in Drawing 2. Now move your hands so that the ends of your fingers will be about half an inch apart and the mystery finger will then appear floating in air as shown in Drawing 3.



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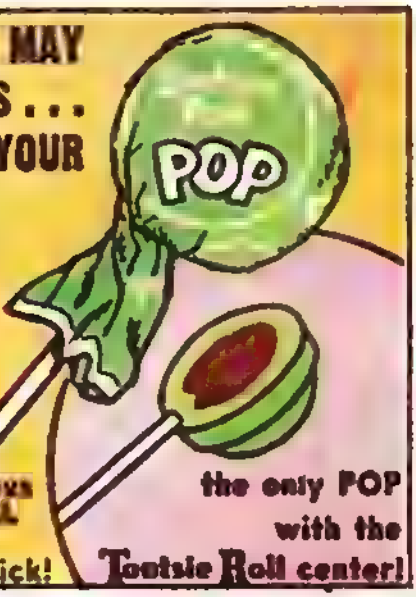

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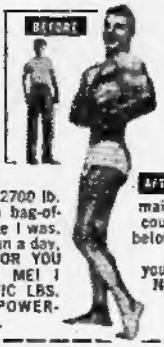

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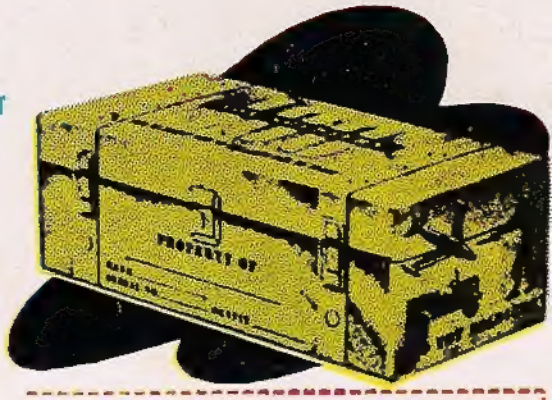

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